#44 WAITING FOR YOU

# KISS HIM, NOT ME!

BY JUNKO

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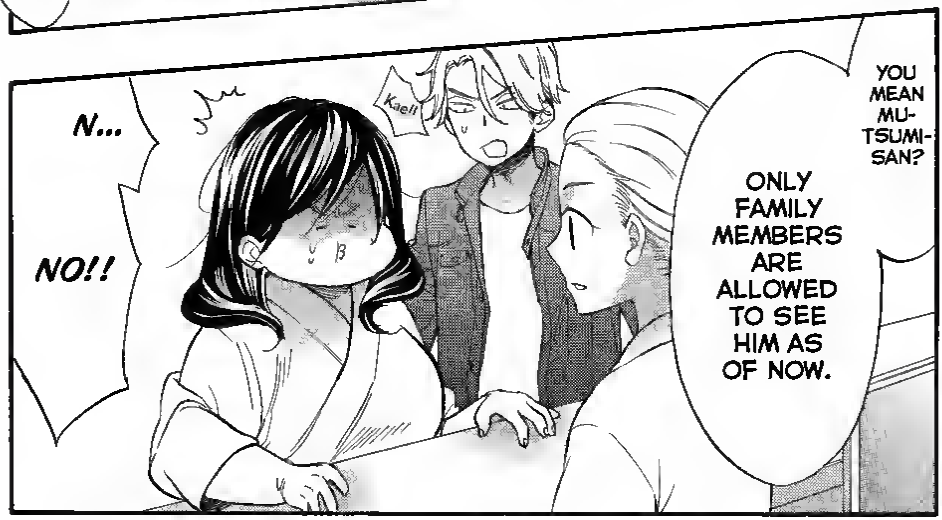
HE HASN'T REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS YET...
AND THEY DON'T KNOW IF HE WILL...
HUH?!
NO!!
...!
DASH
HEY, KAE!!

はっ!!
BOOM
UH, EXCUSE ME!!
EXCUSE ME!!
SENPAI...
WHERE IS MUTSUMI-SENPAI?!
WHAT?!
MUTSUMI-SENPAI...?
OHH!


YOU MEAN MUTSUMI-SAN?
ONLY FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO SEE HIM AS OF NOW.
Kae!!
N...
NO!!

PLEASE!! SURELY YOU CAN MAKE AN EXCEPTION!
I'M TRULY SORRY, BUT I CAN'T!
PLEASE!!
RATTLE...
Conference Room
KAE, C'MON! LET'S HEAD BACK!!

?!
UH...
S...
SEN-SEI?!
!
OH!!
YOU'RE... SERINUMA-SAN, RIGHT? I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'VE COME TO!
SENSEI!!
Oh
I'M NOT YOUR SENSEI ANYMORE.
Ha ha!
I'VE SEEN HIM BEFORE...
You're kidding me
HUH? YOU KNOW HIM?!
I THINK HE GOES TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY AS ME. SO HE'S PART OF MUTSUMI'S FAMILY, HUH...
WHOA, YOU'VE GOTTEN CHUBBY, HUH? HOW CUTE! YOU'RE LIKE A MEAT BUN! ♡
「てがおかる」の子!!
?!
UH, SO HE CAN TELL?!
H... HE'S A MUTSUMI, ALL RIGHT!!
UH... MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...

HOW'S SEN-PAI...?
WHERE IS HE?!
WHEN WE TOLD HER WHAT HAP-PENED TO MUTSUMI-SAN EARLIER... SHE BOLTED OUT OF HER ROOM TO FIND HIM...
KAE!!
Uh
I SEE.
SENSEI !!
I BEG YOU!!
PLEASE LET ME SEE SENPAI...
EVEN JUST A QUICK LOOK!!

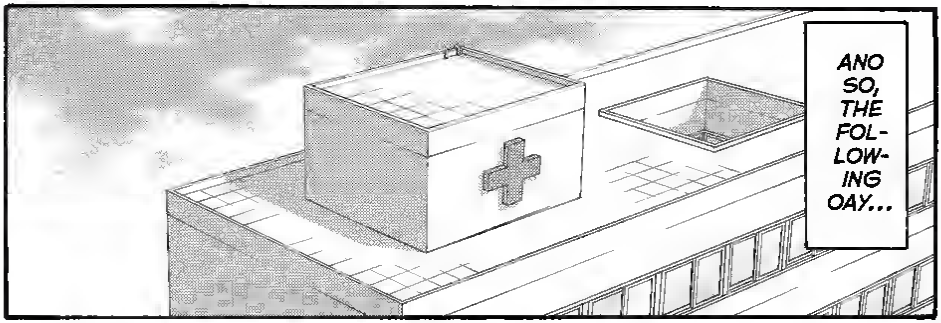
ALL RIGHT...
COME THIS WAY.
RATTLE
②号館
Building No. 2
六見 遊馬
Asuma Mutsumi
WOBBLE...
WHO ARE YOU ...?!
?

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
KA-ZUMA?
SHE'S ASUMA'S LOVE INTER-EST.
さぐ?
That's all
HUH?
UH, I SEE.
...
SENPAI ...?
GASP
UH!
YES...
I...
I'M...
YOU WERE WITH HIM WHEN IT HAPPENED... RIGHT?

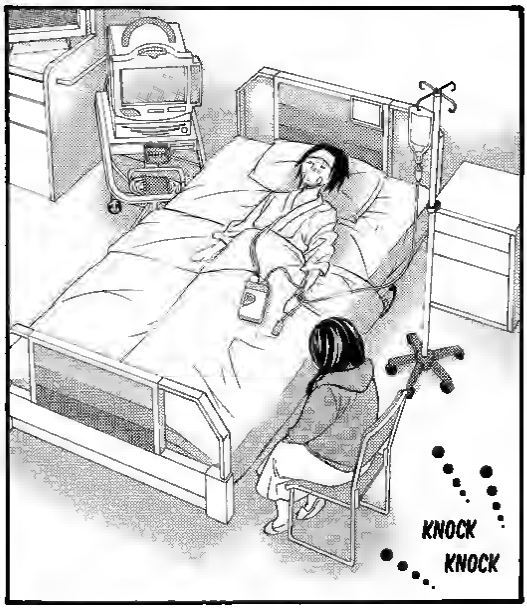
TOUCH...
IT'S 'CAUSE... I GOT SENPAI INVOLVED THAT... ALL OF THIS...!!
...SORRY... SO SORRY...!!
IT'S ALL MY FAULT ...
ASUMA IS JUST THAT KIND OF BOY...
IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT.
I HEARD THAT THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE HE WAS TRYING TO HELP A FRIEND.
LET ME ATTEND TO HIM!! I'LL DO ANY-THING!!
GRAB
LET ME LOOK AFTER SENPAI!!
PLEASE !!
...
CLENCH

I BEG YOU!!
UH...
GROVEL
TH... THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU, BUT...
...WE COULDN'T VERY WELL MAKE ANOTHER PERSON'S DAUGHTER ...
HE MIGHT WAKE UP SOONER WITH A CLOSE FRIEND BY HIS SIDE.
I MEAN ...
KA-ZUMA !!
Now, now! Get up!
WHY NOT? LET'S TAKE HER UP ON IT!
WELL... IF YOUR PARENTS ARE FINE WITH IT...
...CAN WE ASK THAT OF YOU?
THANK YOU!!

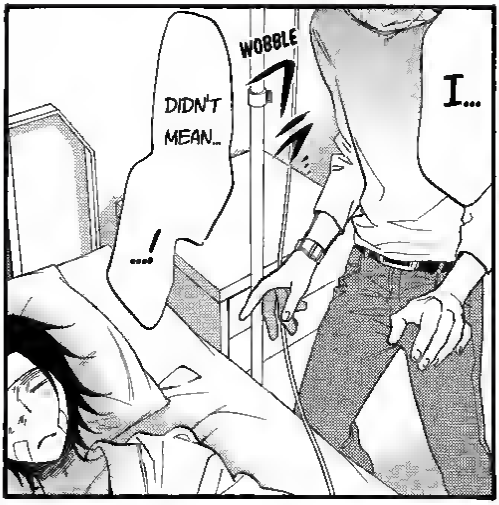
For God's sake! Then I'm staying behind, too!
Father came and went!
MAMA
I STAYED BEHIND IN HOKKAIDO.
AS WE WAITED FOR SENPAI'S CONDITION TO BE STABLE ENOUGH TO TRANSFER HIM TO A HOSPITAL IN TOKYO...
Are you stupid?!
Huh?! You can't be serious
I'm not leaving!
ANO SO...


ANO SO, THE FOLLOWING DAY...

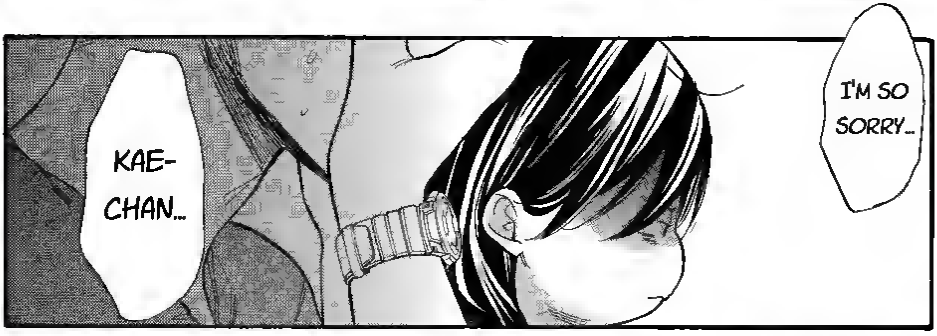
EXCUSE ME!
COME ON, NOW.
RATTLE
YES?


KNOCK KNOCK

RATTLE...
カラ…
...!!
TAH-KUN!!
CLATTER
ガタ
...!
KAE-CH...
TMP
A


I...
WOBBLE
DIDN'T MEAN...
...!

GASP


I'M SO SORRY...
KAE-CHAN...

DON'T SAY THAT TO ME...
CLENCH
SAY THAT TO SENPAI ...
...WHEN HE WAKES UP.

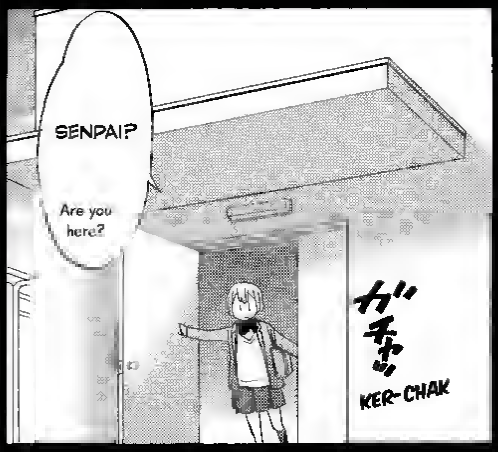
IF THERE IS...
...ANY-THING I CAN DO...
FWIP
THERE IS, IN FACT, SOME-THING YOU SHOULD DO.
YOU STILL HAVE TO FINISH YOUR TOUR.
YOU HAVE FANS WAITING FOR YOU.
DON'T LET THEM DOWN, TOO.
THAT'S THE ONLY THING...
...YOU CAN DO FOR SENPAI NOW!!

ペコ
BOW
PAT
トン
SHUT
パタン
CLACK
CLACK
I KNOW.
LET'S GO.
SHE'S RIGHT.
THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO NOW...

I'M SURPRISED I COULD SAY THAT AFTER ALL HE DID JUST YESTERDAY...
THAT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHAT YOU WOULD'VE SAID, RIGHT, SENPAI ...?
GOOD-BYE...
TAH-KUN.

IN THE END...
SHIMA-CHAN PULLED A FEW STRINGS, AND THE MATTER WAS SETTLED WITHOUT GOING PUBLIC...
This is power!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER, MUTSUMI-SENPAI GOT TRANS-FERRED TO TOKYO.
Hospital
病院
AND TWO WEEKS LATER ...
SERINUMA-SENPAI IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL AGAIN?
YEAH.
IT'S NO USE.
I DON'T THINK SHE'S GONNA BUDGE UNTIL HE WAKES UP.

SHE LOOKED WELL, BUT...
I...I MEAN...
WELL, SHE'S ...
... GOTTEN QUITE THIN...
SHINOMIYA, YOU WENT TO THE HOSPITAL YESTERDAY, RIGHT? HOW WERE THINGS?
Y... YES.
AND SHE'S BEEN COOPED UP IN THERE THE WHOLE TIME...
YEAH...
That makes sense.
AT THIS RATE, SHE'S GONNA END UP LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS, TOO!
IS SHE EATING PROPERLY?
I HOPE SENPAI IS OKAY...
I...
...SAW HER.
HELLO!


SENPAI?
Are you here?
ガチャ
KER-CHAK

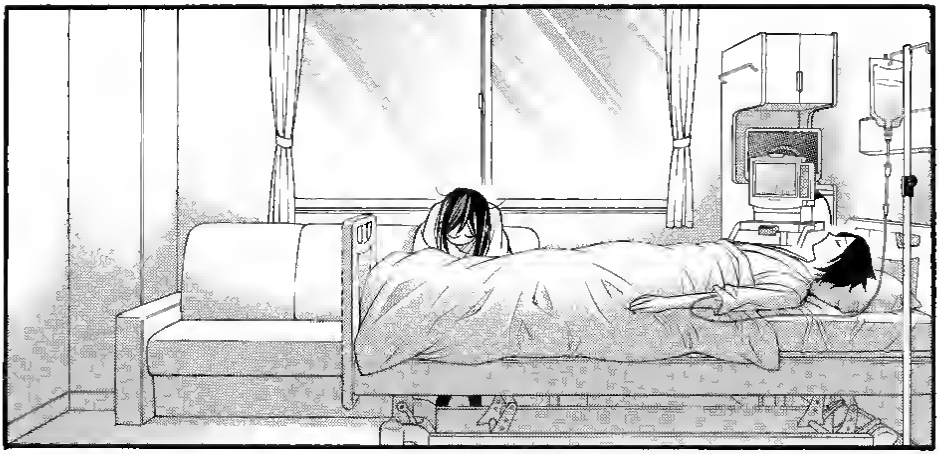
HUH?! SHE'S NOT HERE?
OH! THE GIRL WHO'S ALWAYS HERE? YOU'LL FIND HER ON THE ROOFTOP AROUND THIS TIME.

GASP
SEN...?

AND, WELL...
SHE WAS COLLECTING SPIRIT BALLS.
YIKES!!!
GASP

EVERYONE!
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
GIVE ME STRENGTH!

I HOPE SHE'S ALL RIGHT...
TODAY'S MY TURN TO VISIT, SO I'LL TAKE SOME SNACKS WITH ME AND SEE HOW THINGS ARE GOING.
THAT'D BE GREAT.
WE'D LIKE TO COME, TOO, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN ALL INTRUDE EVERY DAY.
YEAH, LEAVE IT TO ME.
THANKS!
Hospital 病院
KNOCK KNOCK
Asuma Mutsumi
RATTLE
EXCUSE ME.
SERI-NUMA-SAN, ARE YOU HERE...?



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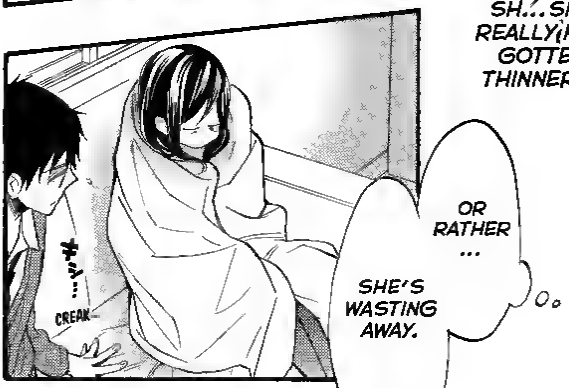
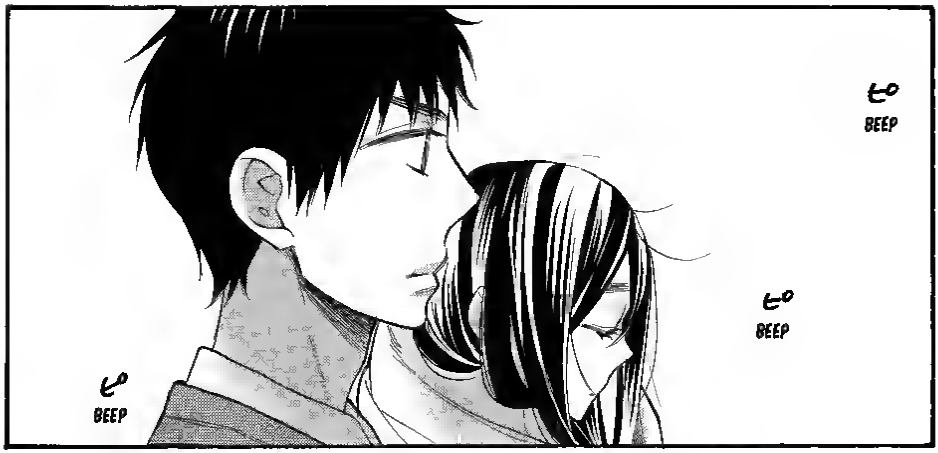
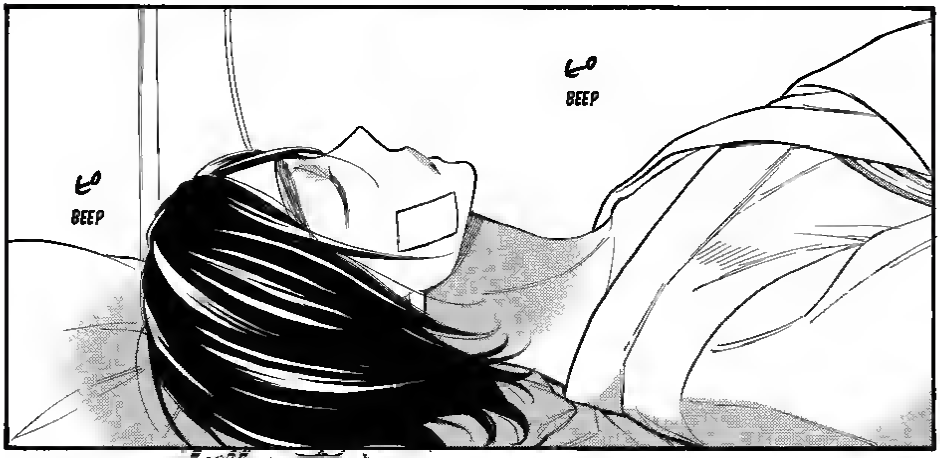
zzz
すー…
zzz

No change with him either.
HUH…
SHE'S SLEEPING…
タタッ
TMP
TMP


すー…
CREAK…
OR RATHER…
SHE'S WASTING AWAY.

SH…SHE REALLY HAS GOTTEN THINNER…

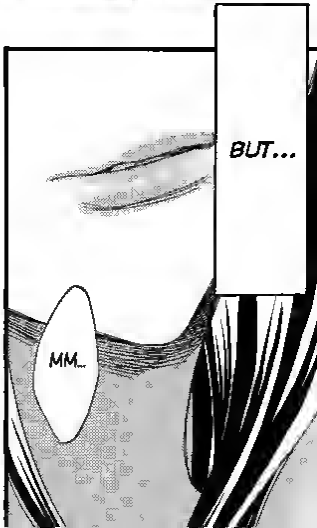

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP


BEEP
BEEP

BUT MUTSUMI-SAN RAN TO SAVE MITSU-BOSHI...
I ONLY THOUGHT ABOUT STOPPING SERI-NUMA...
AT THE TIME...

...FOR SERI-NUMA-SAN...
GLANCE
YOU...
...REALLY ARE SOME-THING...

?!
JOLT
JUMP
SENPAI!!!


BUT...
MM...

SENPAI WOKE UP!!
SEN-PAI'S AWAKE NOW !!
SEN-PAI!!
SEN-PAI!!
FWIP
SERI-NUMA-SAN?! WHAT IS IT?!
SERI-NUMA-SAN...
YOU WERE SLEEPING JUST NOW, DON'T YOU REMEM-BER?
HUH?
SO...
HUH ...?
NO!!
BUT EAR-LIER ...!!
YOU WERE DREAM-ING!!
...
THUD

?!
Again?!
JOLT
AH!!
S...
...

IT'S SPIRIT BALL TIME!!!
I GOTTA COL-LECT A BUNCH TODAY !!!

WAIT !!
Hospital
病院

DASH!
I'LL BE BACK !!!
S... SERI-NUMA-SAN !!!

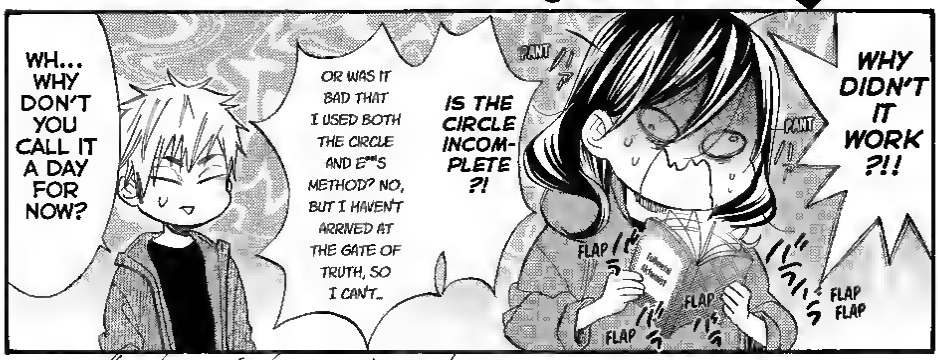
FWIP
KER-CHAK
EVERYONE!
LEND MUTSUMI-SENPAI A BIT OF YOUR POWER!!
SHE'S LOST HER MIND!! SHE HAS TO REST, OR SOMETHING BAD WILL HAPPEN!!
SERI-NUMA-SAN!! YOU NEED TO REST A LITTLE!!
NO!!
GASP
IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, YOU'RE GONNA ...
GRAB

BUT SENPAI WOKE UP EARLIER !!
H...
HE SMILED AT ME!!
IF I GIVE THEM ALL TO HIM...
...HE'LL COME BACK RIGHT AWAY!!
THAT'S WHY...
THAT'S WHY I'M COLLECTING ALL THE SPIRIT BALLS!

I HATE THIS!!
SOB
C... C'MON!
WAKE UP ALREADY!
I HATE THIS SO MUCH ...!!
SOB
WHIMPER
I KNOW ...
SERI-NUMA-SAN...
I KNOW ...
HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU GONNA MAKE SERINUMA-SAN CRY?!
CLENCH...
BUT ...
HURRY UP AND COME BACK!
MU-TSUMI-SAN!!

HEY!
HOW'S HE HOLDIN' UP?
RATTLE
Hospital
病院
OMINOUS
OH! HI, SENSE... I MEAN, ASUMA'S OLDER BROTHER !!
YOUR MOTHER JUST LEFT!!
JOLT
?!
ALL SET!! HERE I GO !!
E**!! LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH !!
SLAP
A WHAT CIRCLE...?!
WITH THIS HUMAN TRANS-MUTAT-ION CIRCLE, I'M SURE I'LL BE ABLE TO BRING BACK SEN-PAI'S SPIRIT !!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
FLASH

L—h
SILENCE
BOOM!!
COME BACK, ASUMA MU-TSUMI !!


WH... WHY DON'T YOU CALL IT A DAY FOR NOW?
OR WAS IT BAD THAT I USED BOTH THE CIRCLE AND E**S METHOD? NO, BUT I HAVEN'T ARRIVED AT THE GATE OF TRUTH, SO I CAN'T...
IS THE CIRCLE INCOM-PLETE ?!
PANT
PANT
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
WHY DIDN'T IT WORK ?!!

HE CAN APPARENTLY HEAR YOU.
WHY DON'T YOU TALK TO HIM AND HOLD HIS HAND AND STUFF?
IN-STEAD OF THAT...
NAW, I DON'T THINK THAT'D WORK ON ASUMA...
Though it might work on me
A PRINCE'S KISS WOULD WORK BETTER, WOULDN'T IT?!
GASP
LIKE A PRIN-CESS'S KISS...
PLUS, THERE ARE MORE EFFEC-TIVE WAYS, DON'T YOU THINK ?

SHUT UP!
OHH
HUH ...?
OH, SORRY, I GOTTA TAKE THIS.
HELLO?
HOLDING HIS HAND...
TOUCH...

HOLD...

CAN YOU...
...HEAR MY VOICE?
SEN-PAI...

AND SO BIG...
YOUR HANDS ARE WARM...
SENPAI ...

COME TO THINK OF IT...
THE FIRST TIME WE HELD HANDS WAS WHEN WE ENTERED THAT CAVE, HUH?
YEAH... I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE AFRAID OF THE DARK...
...YET YOU WANTED TO GO TO A PLACE LIKE THAT...
YOU'RE A STRANGE ONE, SENPAI...
AND WHEN I...
...SUDDENLY BECAME SKINNY, YOU RECOGNIZED ME RIGHT AWAY...
...AND YOU TREATED ME THE SAME WAY YOU ALWAYS DID, HUH?

YOU TOLD ME, "YOU'RE STILL YOU."
WHEN YOU SAID THAT... YOU MADE ME FEEL SO AT EASE.
...BEEN BY MY SIDE...
EVEN WHEN I CAUSED YOU TROUBLE... YOU ALWAYS HELPED ME...
IT'S GONNA BE ALL RIGHT!!
AND I REALLY ENJOYED OUR STROLL THROUGH TOWN...
WE STILL HAVE TO FULFILL THAT PROMISE TO VISIT ANOTHER PLACE, HUH?
AND...
IN SPITE OF ALL MY INDECISION... YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU'D...
CON-TINUE TO WAIT FOR ME...
YOU'VE ALWAYS ...

WAIT HERE!!

LIKE A PRINCESS'S KISS...
I'M WAITING, SO...
...
I'M WAITING...
MUTSUMI-SENPAI...
CREAK...

COME BACK...
We're taking a break next month.
See what happens next in the April issue!

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#45 I THINK I'M FALLING FOR SENPAI...

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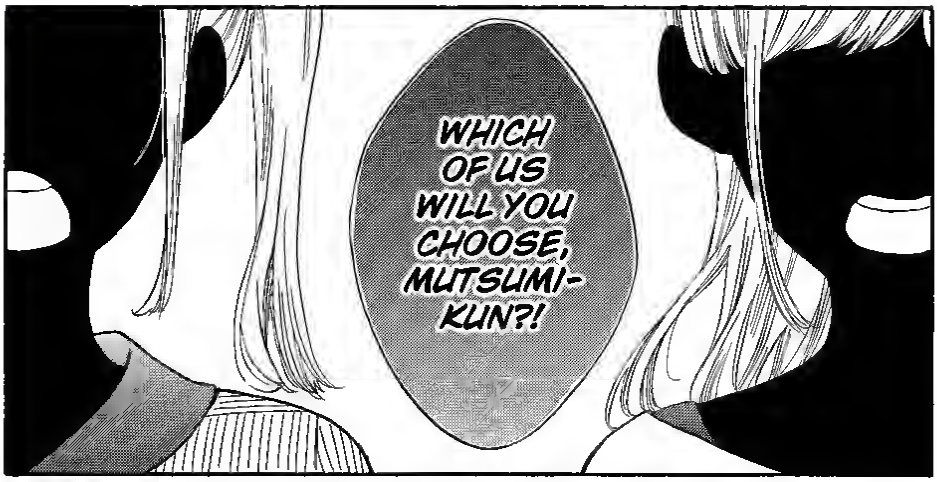
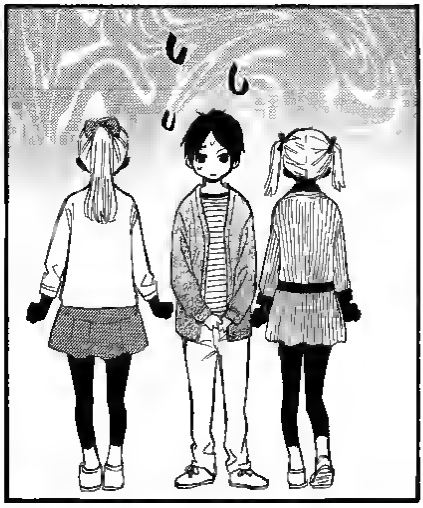

WHICH OF US WILL YOU CHOOSE, MUTSUMI-KUN?!

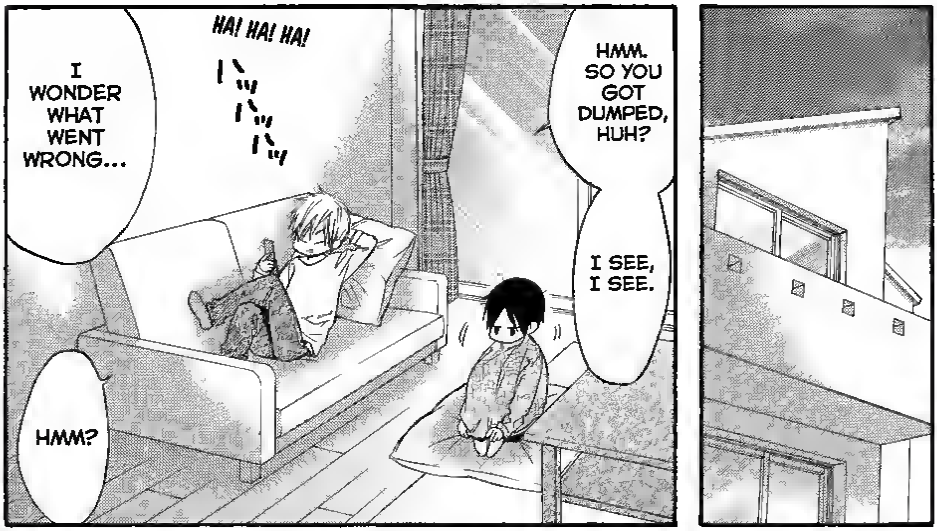
SHOCK
UH...
I LIKE YOU BOTH.
You are both my classmates, after all



WHAT-EVER!
STOMP
LET'S GO!
LET'S GO!
STOMP
WHAT KIND OF ANSWER IS THAT?! MUTSUMI-KUN, YOU IDIOT!!

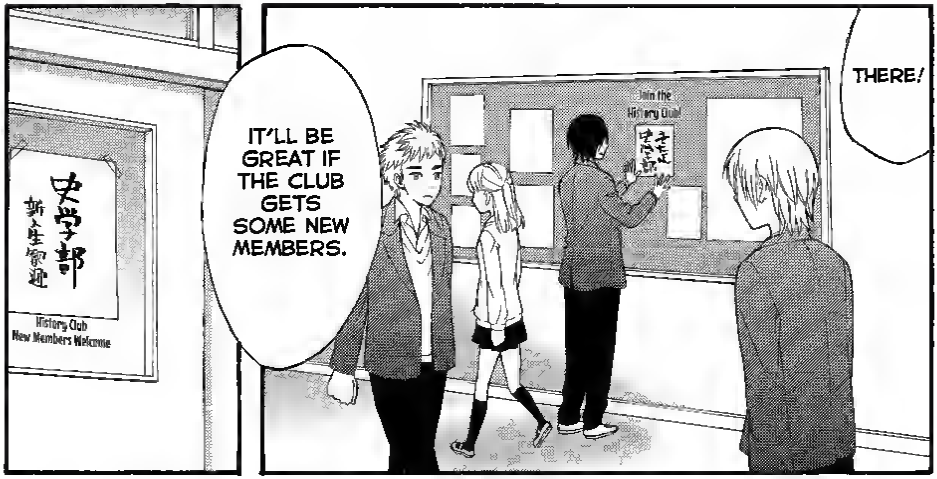
I...
I LIKE YOU...
WILL YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
HUH?
UH...
I GUESS, IF YOU WANT...
MUTSUMI-KUN...
YOU'D GO OUT WITH ANYONE, RIGHT?

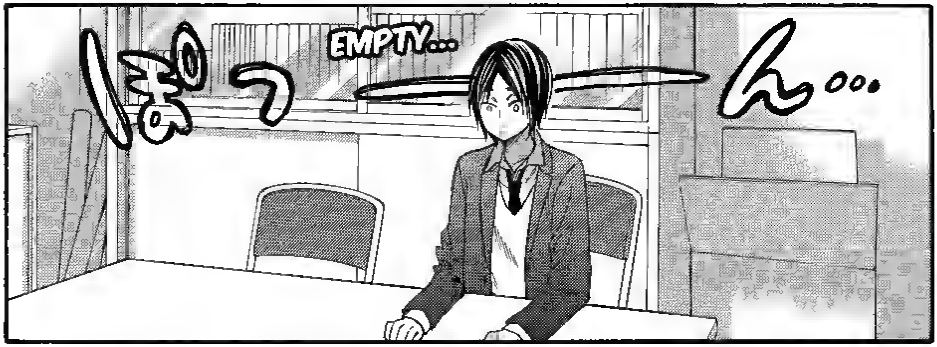
HUH?
WHA ...?
WE'RE DONE.
GOOD-BYE.


HA! HA! HA!
I WONDER WHAT WENT WRONG...
HMM?
HMM. SO YOU GOT DUMPED, HUH?
I SEE, I SEE.

YOU'RE TOO NICE.
I CAN TELL YOU WHY YOU GOT DUMPED, ASUMA...

I'M "TOO NICE"?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
I DON'T GET IT...
O...
MURMUR
...KAY.
MURMUR
PRESS


史学部
新入生歓迎
History Club
New Members Welcome
IT'LL BE GREAT IF THE CLUB GETS SOME NEW MEMBERS.
Join the History Club!
THERE!


EMPTY...

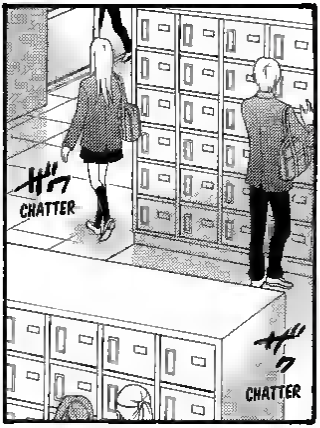
I GUESS I'M GONNA HAVE TO GO OUT AND RECRUIT PEOPLE.
Man, I'm terrible at this!
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
!
YES?

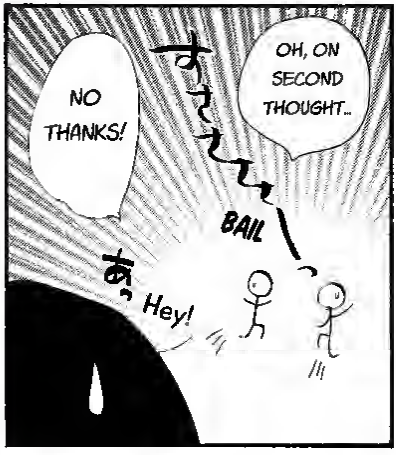
RATTLE
IS THIS THE HISTORY CLUB ...?
UM...
FIDGET
FIDGET
UM...
DOES THIS CLUB COVER SENGOKU MILITARY COMMAND-ERS?
YES?
OF COURSE! We can cover anything!
UH, YES!
WERE YOU INTER-ESTED IN JOINING, BY ANY CHANCE ?
CLATTER
BLUSH
REALLY ?!
UM, I'M KAE SERINUMA FROM CLASS 1-A.

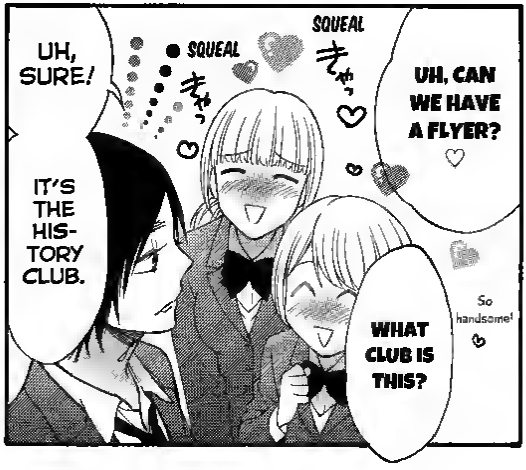
MASAMUNE-SAMA IS MY FAVORITE! ♥ HE APPEARS IN THE GAME SENGOKU B*SARA WHICH MY OLDER BROTHER PLAYS, AND EVER SINCE I SAW HIM IN THAT GAME, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HIM DAY AND NIGHT! ♡
BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH
I SEE!
OH, AND I'M MUTSUMI, THE CLUB PRESIDENT.
WELCOME TO THE CLUB, SERINUMA-SAN!
THANK YOU!
LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!!
MUTSUMI-SENPAI!
UH, AND WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER MEMBERS...?
UH...
WELL...
THE TRUTH IS, THE THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS GRADUATED, AND I'M THE ONLY ONE IN THE CLUB NOW.
HUH?
BOOM
BOOM
AND NOT JUST THAT, WE NEED FOUR MEMBERS IN THE CLUB OR IT'LL BE DISSOLVED...
WHAAA?!

OH NO! W-WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!!
C'MON! WE GOTTA HURRY UP AND GO RECRUIT MORE MEMBERS!
YOU HAVE FLYERS, RIGHT?! LET'S COPY A BUNCH AND PASS THEM OUT!!
UH, OKAY.

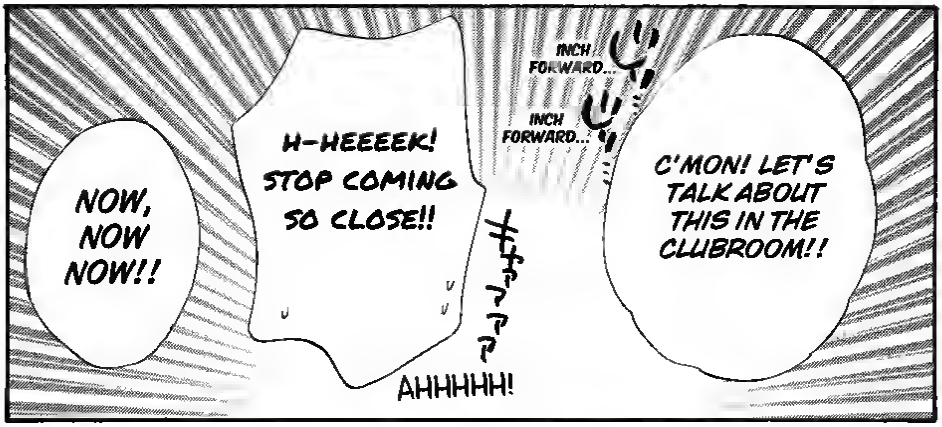
So sorry
HI! PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE HISTORY CLUB.
OH, I'VE ALREADY JOINED A CLUB.
SAME HERE.
OH...
Join the History Club!

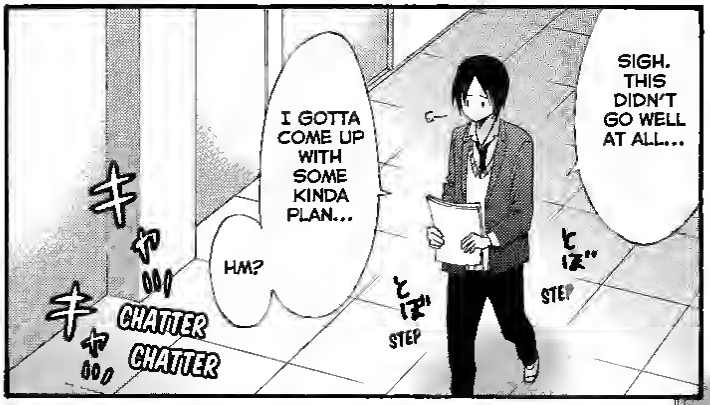

CHATTER
CHATTER

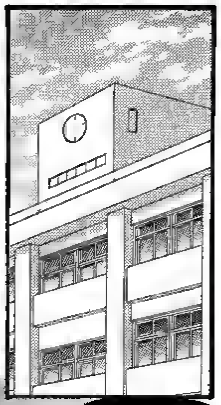

NO THANKS!
OH, ON SECOND THOUGHT...
BAIL
Hey!

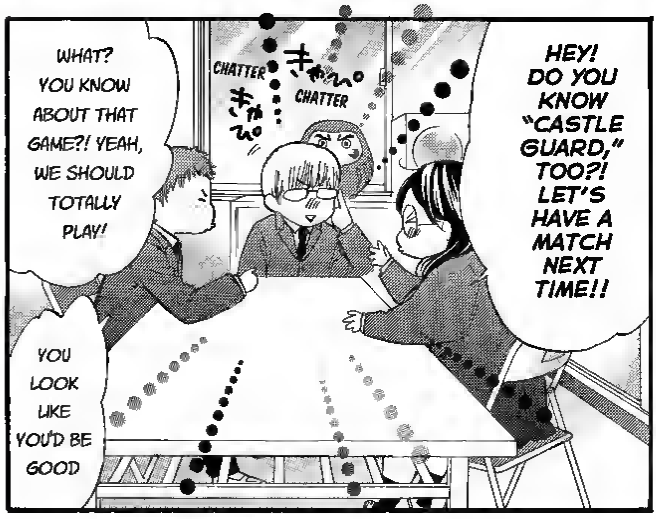

UH, SURE!
SQUEAL
SQUEAL
UH, CAN WE HAVE A FLYER?
IT'S THE HIS-TORY CLUB.
So handsome!
WHAT CLUB IS THIS?

I WONDER IF SERI-NUMA-SAN IS DOING OKAY...
THIS ISN'T LOOK-ING GOOO ...
STAND
HEY.
I'D PREFER TO JOIN SOME-THING THAT'S NOT A SPORTS TEAM.
WHAT A PAIN! WHY ARE CLUBS MANDA-TORY?
Sigh
HEY, WHAT CLUB ARE YOU GONNA JOIN?
STRAFE
NOW, NOW, NOW!
I...IT'S OKAY_
STRAFE
NOW, NOW, NOW!
W... WE'RE IN A HURRY!!
LOOM
...WOULD BE PER-FECT FOR THE HISTORY CLUB!!
YOU TWO...


NOW, NOW NOW!!
H-HEEEEK! STOP COMING SO CLOSE!!
AHHHHH!
INCH FORWARD...
INCH FORWARD...
C'MON! LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS IN THE CLUBROOM!!


I GOTTA COME UP WITH SOME KINDA PLAN...
HM?
CHATTER CHATTER
STEP
SIGH. THIS DIDN'T GO WELL AT ALL...
STEP




WHAT? YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT GAME?! YEAH, WE SHOULD TOTALLY PLAY!
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'D BE GOOD
CHATTER
CHATTER
HEY! DO YOU KNOW "CASTLE GUARD," TOO?! LET'S HAVE A MATCH NEXT TIME!!

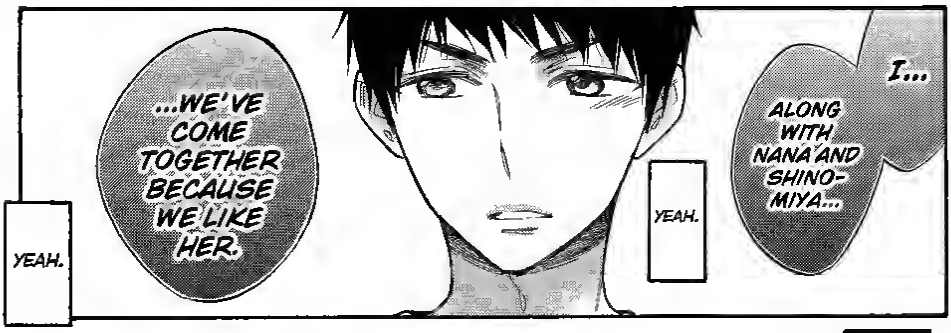
RATTLE

OH, SENPAI!
THESE TWO SAID THEY'RE GONNA JOIN THE CLUB!
RIGHT?
Uh, RIGHT.
Thanks...
NOW WE HAVE ENOUGH MEMBERS FOR OUR CLUB, RIGHT?!
THANK GOD!!
OKAY, YOU SWINE! LET'S PARRY!!
HEH, HEH.
YEAH!!
AMAZ-ING...
SHE'S KINDA...

...LIKE A BALL OF SUNSHINE.
YOU'RE LIKE THE ONLY ONE WHO UNDER-STANDS ME, SENPAI.
THANK YOU!

HER APPEARANCE CHANGED A LITTLE...
...AND MORE PEOPLE SURROUNDED HER.

I HAVE SO MUCH FUN BEING WITH ALL OF THEM...
THESE GUYS...
...WHO I WOULD'VE NEVER MET WERE IT NOT FOR HER.


I... ALONG WITH NANA AND SHINOMIYA...
YEAH.
...WE'VE COME TOGETHER BECAUSE WE LIKE HER.
YEAH.

I KNOW THAT.
ONCE YOU GET TO KNOW HER, IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO LIKE HER.
YOU...
I...
...FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT HER, TOO, DON'T YOU?

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT SERINUMA-SAN?
HUH?
TO ME...
TO ME...
SHE IS...

YOU'D GO OUT WITH ANYONE, RIGHT?
ドキン
BADUMP
YOU GOT DUMPED 'CAUSE YOU'RE TOO NICE.
ドキン
BADUMP
SHE'S ...
...A GIRL NO ONE ELSE CAN RE-PLACE.
A SPECIAL GIRL...
SENPAI ...
ドキン
BADUMP

SHE'S ONE OF A KIND.
SENPAI...
AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?
?
HUNGRY ...?
GASP
はっ
WHA?!
HUH?
TA-DAH
HERE!
I'VE PREPARED THIS FOR YOU TODAY, TOO! ♡

ぱっ
TA-DAH
か
IT'S AN ENERGY BALL! ♡
HERE!
TAKE THIS AND GET BETTER!
IT'S A SPECIAL ONE! ♡
NGH...
Nggghhh!
?!
MRPH!
HEY!
ズボォ
SHOVE
KYAHA!
HERE YOU GO! ♡

FLASH
...
HUH?
WHA ...?
MY CLASS-ROOM ...?
I FELL ASLEEP ?
WAS I DREAM-ING...?
CLATTER
SCRIB
SCRIB
SCRIB
SCRIB
?!
SERI-NUMA-SAN?
WHY IS SHE IN THE THIRD-YEAR CLASS-ROOM?!

UH, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
A-ARE YOU OKAY ...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
FWIP
THIS IS...
BOOM
...A MAGIC CIRCLE.
?
STAND
JOLT
HUH? SERINUMA-SAN...?
OKAY! NOW IT SHOULD WORK!!
HERE I GO!

ASUMA MUTSUMI !!
COME BACK!
CLAP
WHY ?!
CLATTER
TH... THE CLUB-ROOM ?!
WHA ...?
GASP

BADUMP
ドキ…
SERI-NUMA-SAN?
WHOA! I HAD SO MANY CRAZY DREAMS...
I HOPE I DIDN'T SNORE.
FWIP
スッ…
UH... DID I FALL ASLEEP?

ギュッ
GRAB...
?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HER HANDS ...
HUH?
SERI-NUMA-SAN...?
?!
...FEEL FAINT TO THE TOUCH ...
MUTSUMI-SENPAI.

HUH ...?
YEAH ...
OF COURSE I CAN HEAR YOUR VOICE.
ER...
CAN YOU...
...HEAR MY VOICE...?
SENPAI, YOUR HANDS ARE WARM...
Huh?
UH... REALLY?
AND SO BIG...
Oh
YEAH.
COME TO THINK OF IT...
THE FIRST TIME WE HELD HANDS WAS WHEN WE ENTERED THAT CAVE, HUH?
YEAH... THAT'S RIGHT.
YEAH,... I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE AFRAID OF THE DARK...
...AND YET YOU WANTED TO GO TO A PLACE LIKE THAT...
HA! HA! HA!
I GUESS YOU CAN SAY MY CURIOSITY WON OVER...

YOU'RE A STRANGE ONE, SENPAI.
HUH?
AND WHEN I SUDDENLY BECAME SKINNY, YOU RECOGNIZED ME RIGHT AWAY AND YOU TREATED ME THE SAME WAY YOU ALWAYS DID, HUH?
WELL, YOU WERE THE SAME PERSON INSIDE, SO...
YOU TOLD ME, "YOU'RE STILL YOU." WHEN YOU SAID THAT... YOU MADE ME FEEL SO AT EASE.

IN SPITE OF MY INDECISION... YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU'D CONTINUE ...
...TO WAIT FOR ME...
SERI-NUMA-SAN?
EVEN WHEN I CAUSED YOU TROUBLE... YOU ALWAYS HELPED ME...
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN BY MY SIDE...
AND...
WE STILL HAVE TO FULFILL THAT PROMISE TO VISIT ANOTHER PLACE, HUH?
YEAH.
WHERE SHALL WE GO NEXT?
AND I REALLY ENJOYED OUR STROLL THROUGH TOWN...
YEAH, ME, TOO.

DRIP
DRIP
SERI-NUMA-SAN?
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
GRIP...
I'M WAITING ...
I'M WAITING, SO...

PLEASE ...
COME BACK...

...
S...
SEN...
SEN-PAI ...?!
C...
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
CAN YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT I'M SAYING?
MUTSUMI-SENPAI!!
...
Y...
#!?!!
CLENCH
IT'S REALLY YOU...
YOU'RE SO WARM...

SHEN-PAIII!!!
WAHHHH!!
THANK GOD!!!
HEY!
OW! OW! OW! OW!
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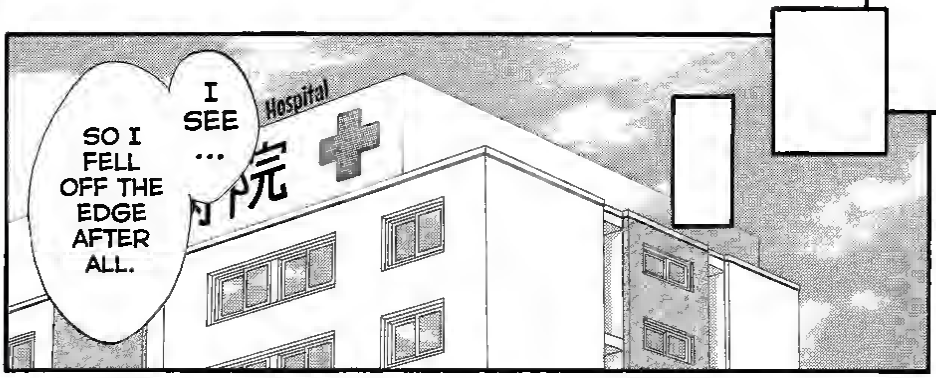
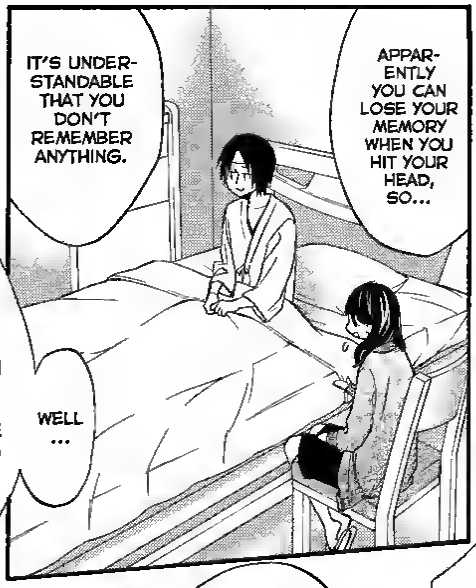
SQUEEZE SQUEEZE

VRRR
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER


Hospital
I SEE ...
SO I FELL OFF THE EDGE AFTER ALL.

N...NO IT'S NOT!!
JOLT
SINCE I WAS RESCUED AND MITSUBOSHI KUN'S OKAY, IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING IS ALL RIGHT.


IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE THAT YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.
APPARENTLY YOU CAN LOSE YOUR MEMORY WHEN YOU HIT YOUR HEAD, SO...
WELL ...

WHOOSH
HUH ...?!
I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE YOU CRY, SERINUMA-SAN.
IT WASN'T JUST THAT.
WELL, I CAN'T JUST SIT BY AND WATCH SOMEONE ABOUT TO FALL.
HOW COULD YOU DO SOMETHING SO RECKLESS?!!
GOOD GRIEF!! YOU'RE ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE, SENPAI!!

YOU'D CRY IF SOMETHING AWFUL WERE TO HAPPEN TO YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND, WOULDN'T YOU, SERINUMA-SAN?
BADUMP

I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU.

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# CHAPTER 46

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#46 KAE'S ANSWER

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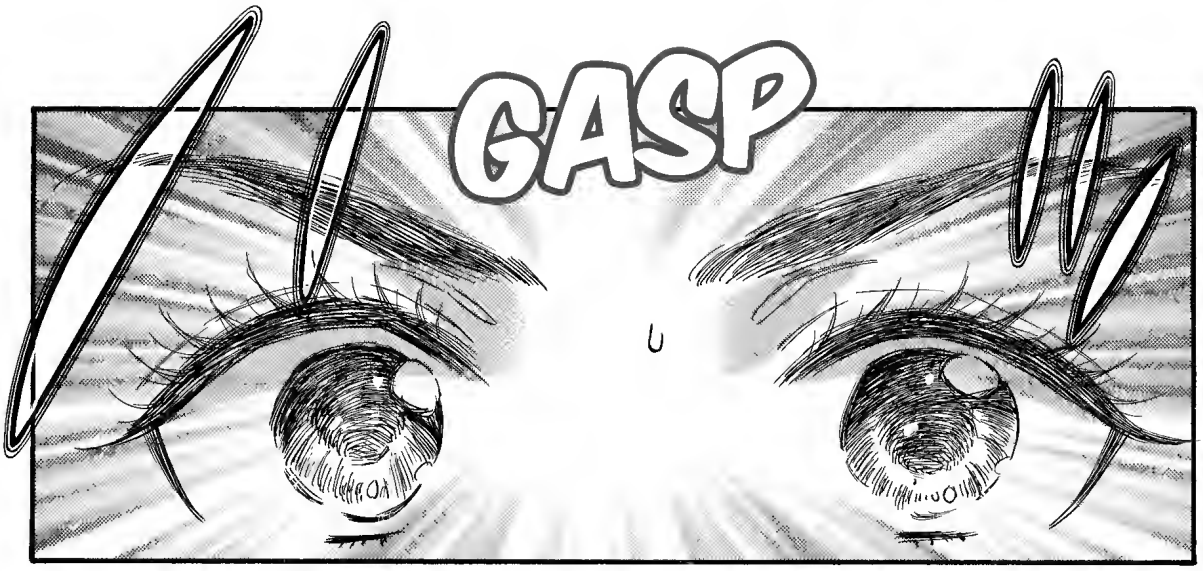
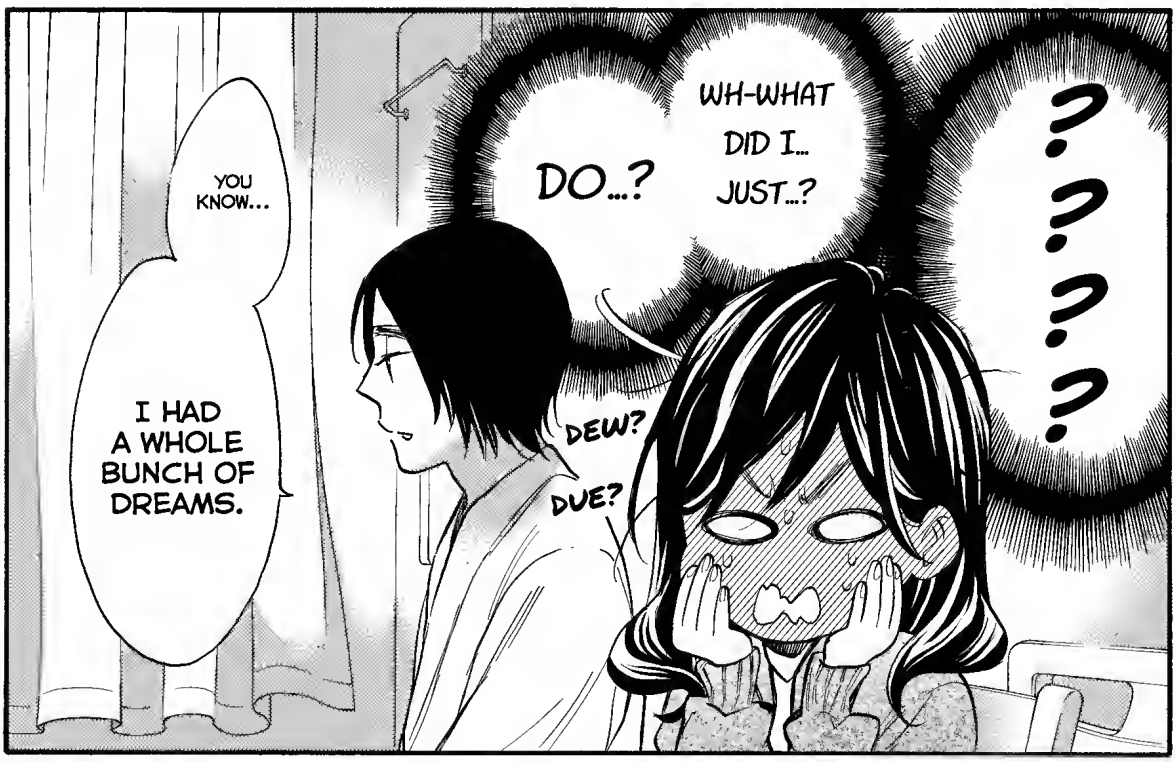
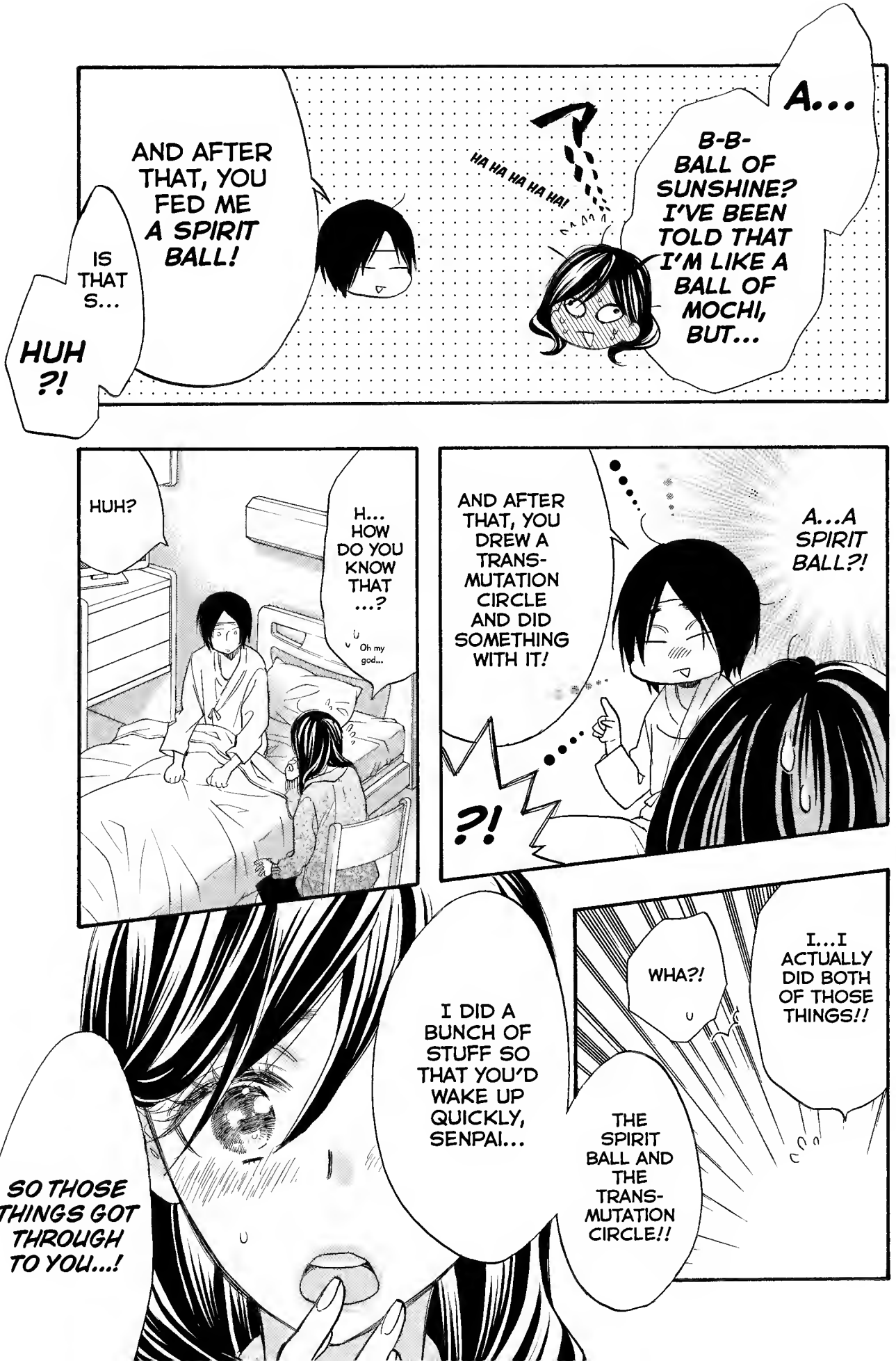

GASP


????
WH-WHAT DID I... JUST...?
DO...?
YOU KNOW...
I HAD A WHOLE BUNCH OF DREAMS.
DEW?
DUE?

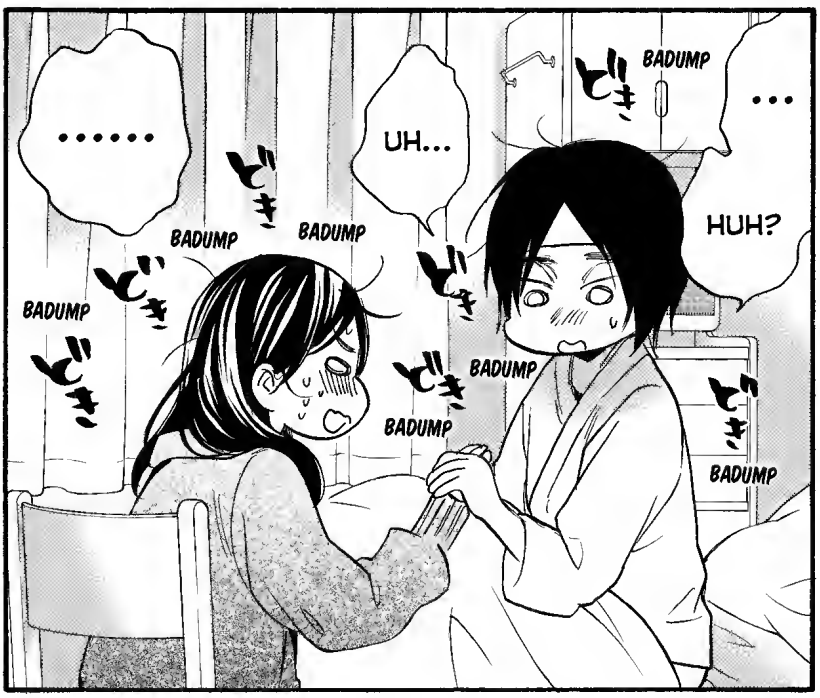
DO YOU... REMEMBER WHEN WE FIRST MET LONG AGO...
SERI-NUMA-SAN?
YEAH.
TURN
OH?
D-DREAMS?! REALLY?

OF COURSE I DO!
WE RECRUITED MEMBERS FOR THE HISTORY CLUB, RIGHT?!
THOSE WERE GOOD TIMES!
HEH HEH HEH...
YEAH...
WELL, ABOUT THAT!
BACK THEN...
I REMEMBER...
...THINKING THAT YOU WERE LIKE A BALL OF SUNSHINE.
BADUMP
HUH ...?!


A...
B-B-BALL OF SUNSHINE? I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT I'M LIKE A BALL OF MOCHI, BUT...
HA HA HA HA HA!
AND AFTER THAT, YOU FED ME A SPIRIT BALL!
IS THAT S...
HUH?!
A...A SPIRIT BALL?!
AND AFTER THAT, YOU DREW A TRANS-MUTATION CIRCLE AND DID SOMETHING WITH IT!
?!
HUH?
H... HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT ...?
Oh my god...
I...I ACTUALLY DID BOTH OF THOSE THINGS!!
WHA?!
THE SPIRIT BALL AND THE TRANS-MUTATION CIRCLE!!
I DID A BUNCH OF STUFF SO THAT YOU'D WAKE UP QUICKLY, SENPAI...
SO THOSE THINGS GOT THROUGH TO YOU...!

HUH?
R... REALLY?
CRAZY ...!
WE TALKED ABOUT A BUNCH OF STUFF, TOO!!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
LIKE HOW WE WENT TO THAT CAVE...
!! EX-ACT-LY!!
AMAZ-ING! YOU WERE ABLE TO GET ALL THAT!!
AND YOU HELD MY HAND ...
FWIP...
BADUMP
...LIKE THIS...
SQUEEZE

AND YOU TOLD ME TO COME BACK...
AND THEN ...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UH...
...
HUH?
BADUMP
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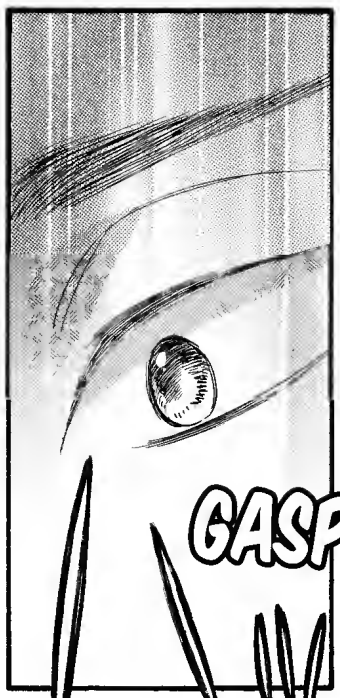
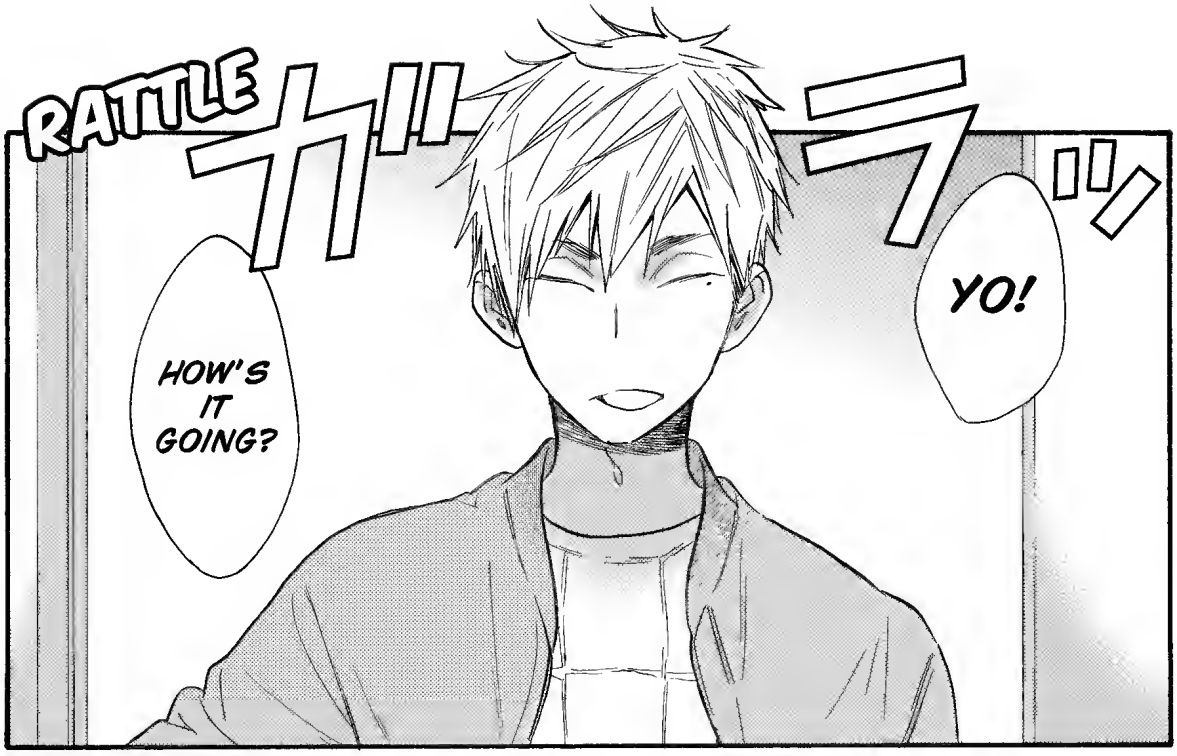
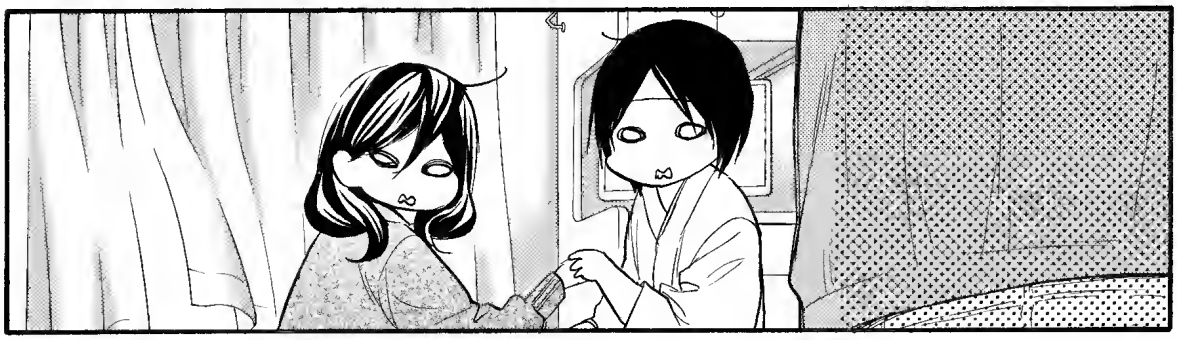
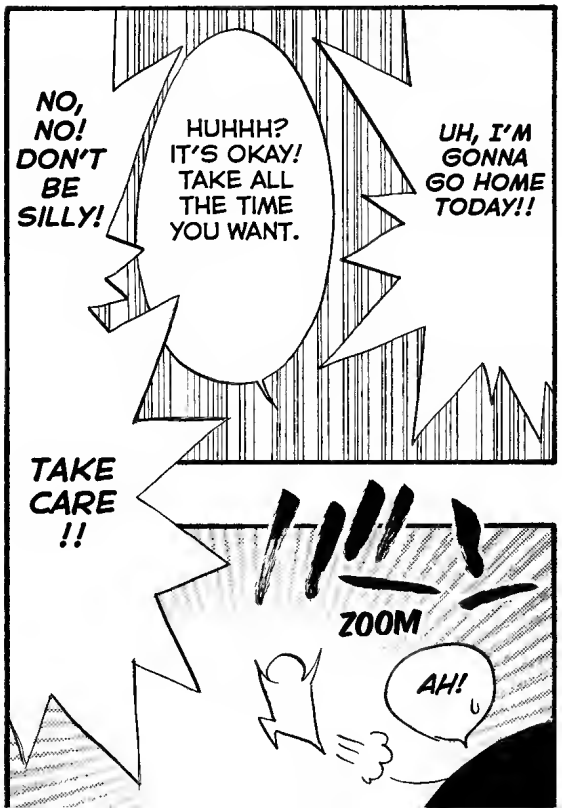

GASP


RATTLE
YO!
HOW'S IT GOING?




NO, NO! DON'T BE SILLY!
HUHHH? IT'S OKAY! TAKE ALL THE TIME YOU WANT.
UH, I'M GONNA GO HOME TODAY!!
TAKE CARE !!
ZOOM
AH!

AHHH!! WAIT, ONIISAN !!
I'll be on my way!
UH, SO SORRY!

SHE LEFT...
GASP
GRIN
GRIN
WHAT ...?
HUH? I'M JUST HAPPY TO SEE MY LITTLE BROTHER DOING WELL!
...
SQUEAL
WAS THAT...?

A few days later...
ぼへー
DAZED
PAT
ぽん
...EY...
HEY...
HEY! SERI-NUMA!!
は？
HUH?
GASP
WHAT'S WRONG? I WAS CALLING YOU OVER AND OVER...
OH, SORRY!

じっ。。。
STARE...
ER...
WHAT'S THE MATTER? ARE YOU TIRED?
NANA-SHIMA-KUN...
WH-WHAT?
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?
HUH?
?!
ギュ
SQUEEZE!
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE

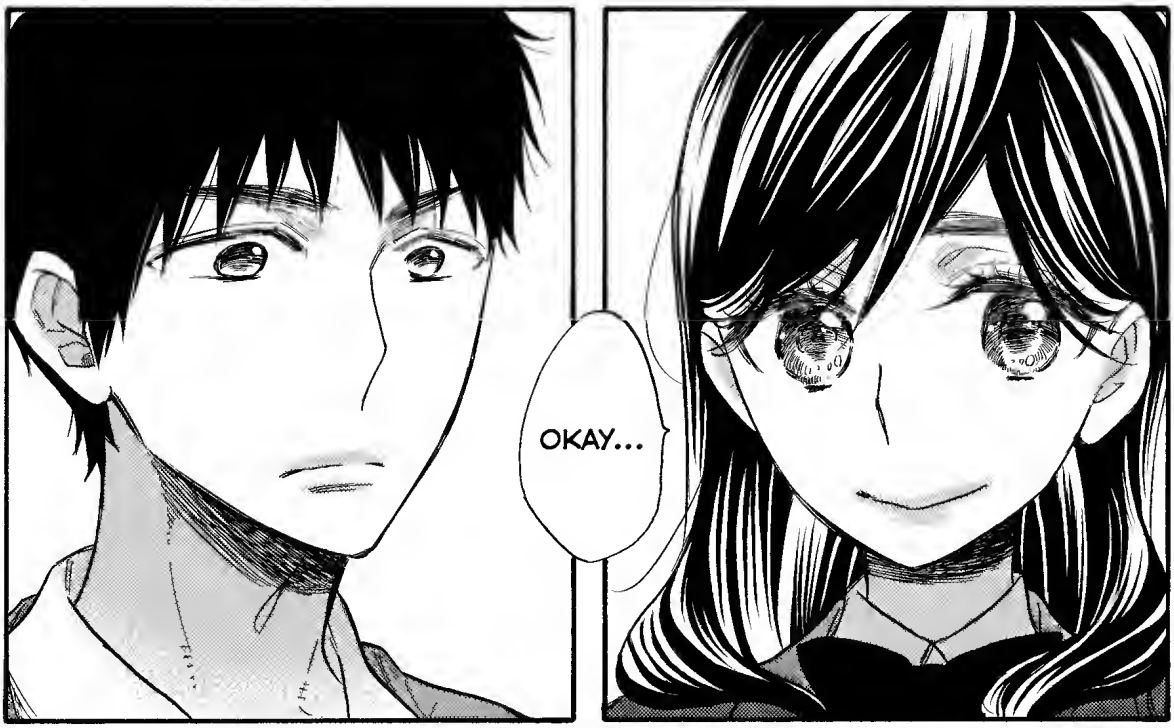
OKAY ...
THANKS.
YEAH...
RELEASE
UH... SURE THING ...
CHATTER
CHATTER
BADUMP BADUMP
BADUMP BADUMP
...?

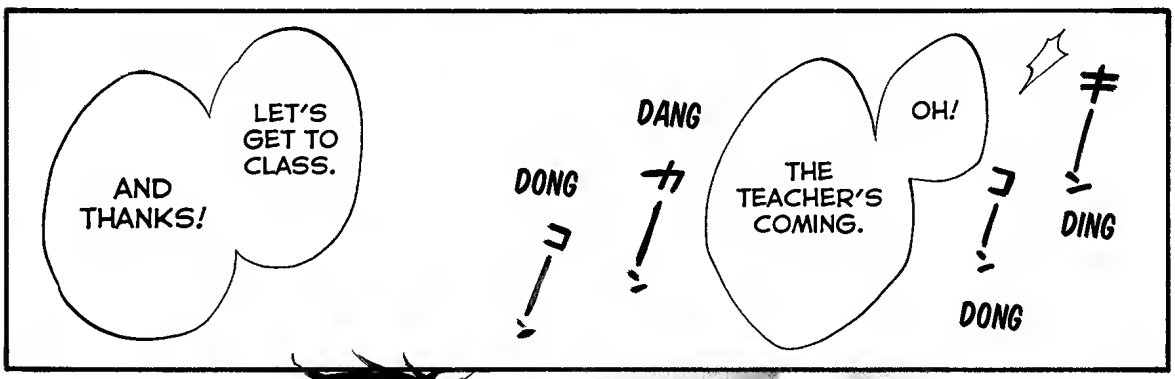
OH!
SERINUMA-SENPAI! GOOD MORNING.
GOOD MORNING, SHINO-MIYA-KUN.
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE FIRST-YEARS' SECTION OF THE SCHOOL ...?
SQUEEZE
き ゅ っ !
?!
SQUEEZE SQUEEZE
OKAY ...

?
?
WH... WHAT ?
TMP TMP すたすた
THANKS.
1-F
SERI-NUMA-SENPAI!
SHIMA-CHAN.
WHAT'S THE OCCASION, COMING ALL THE WAY TO MY CLASS...?
OH! DID YOU COME HERE TO SEE ME, BY ANY CHANCE?!

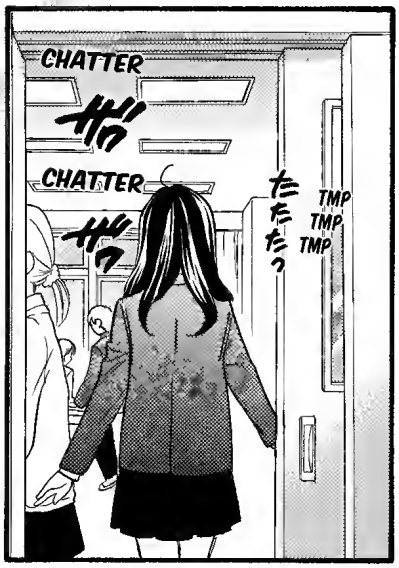
HUH?
YEAH.
Or is that wishful thinking?
I'M SO GLAD!
コクリ
NOD
SQUEEZE
き〃
ゃ
っ
！
THANKS.
WHAT DID SHE MEAN BY "OKAY" ...?
すた
TMP
すた
TMP
すた
TMP
どきどき
BADUMP BADUMP
SQUEEZE
SQUEEZE
OKAY ...

IGA-RASHI-KUN...
2-A
LET'S SHAKE HANDS...
CAN YOU...
...DO IT LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO?
HUH...?
UH, YEAH.
SURE.
OKAY, TODAY'S HAND-SHAKE...
SQUEEZE...


OKAY...


LET'S GET TO CLASS.
AND THANKS!
DONG
コーン
DANG
カーン
OH!
THE TEACHER'S COMING.
コーン
DONG
キーン
DING

CLENCH
きゅっ

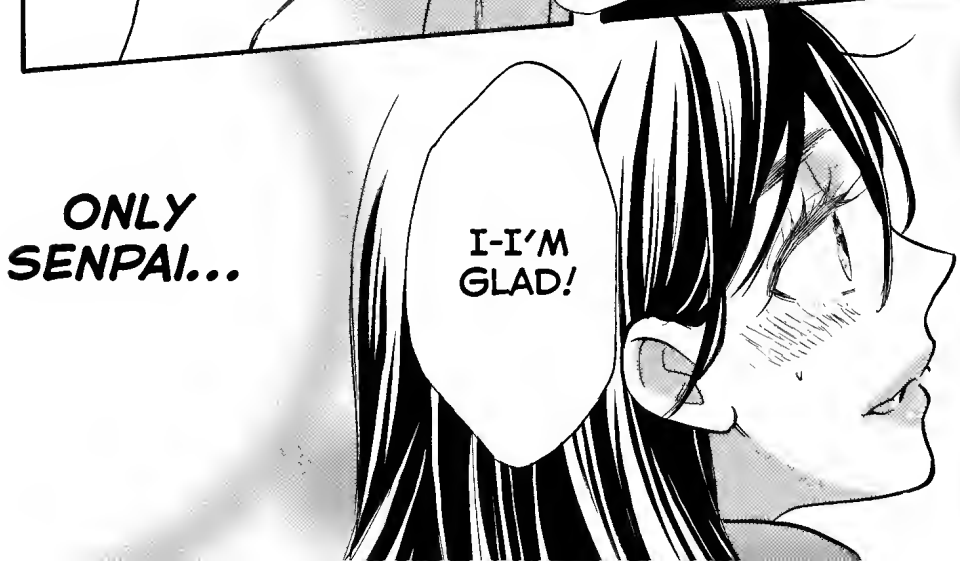

CHATTER
ガヤ
CHATTER
ガヤ
たたたっ
TMP
TMP
TMP

FSHAAA
SPLISH
SPLISH
SERINUMA! LET'S GRAB LUNCH!
I'm starved!
DING
DONG
CHATTER
CHATTER
OH, I GOTTA USE THE REST-ROOM!
YOU GO ON AHEAD!
Let's buy some bread!
SURE ENOUGH ...
SQUEAK
FSHAAA
EVEN WHEN I TOUCHED EVERYONE ELSE'S HANDS...
PLIP...
...IT DIDN'T FEEL THE WAY THAT IT DID WITH MUTSUMI-SENPAI...

SLAM
ONLY SENPAI ...
TMP TMP TMP
PAT
SERI-NUMA-SAN!

S... SERI-NUMA-SAN?!
BANG
BAM!!
BOING
THUD
EEEEK!!

YEAH, I JUST CAME NOW.
S-SENPAI, YOU WERE ABLE TO COME TO SCHOOL!
I-I-IT'S NOTHING! I'M FINE...
FWIP
WH... WHAT JUST HAP-PENED?! ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU HURT?


ONLY SENPAI...
I-I'M GLAD!

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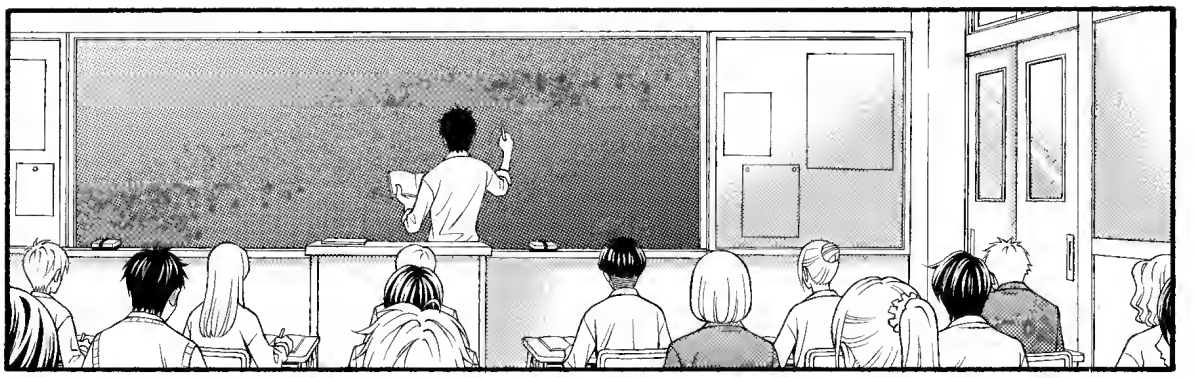
!!
MU-
TSU-
MI-
SEN-
PAI?!
HEY,
GUYS!!
YOU
MUST'VE
ALL BEEN
REALLY
WORRIED.
CHATTER
CHATTER
WAH
ワッ!!
SOB!!
THANK
GOD!!
You came back!
WELCOME
BACK!!

I KNOW NOW...
I KNOW...
SEN-PAI...
SO...
CLENCH
キュッ

THERE'S SOMETHING...
...I NOW HAVE TO DO.



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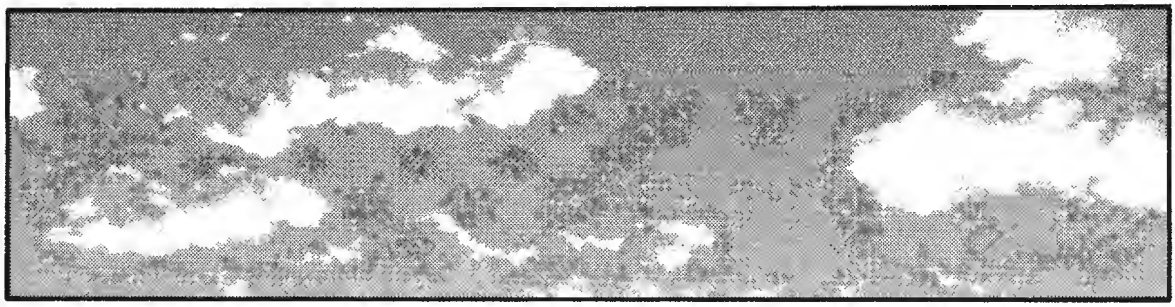
TAP
I'd appreciate it.

Frequent (6)
OK
Today
There's something I need to talk with you about.
Can you come to the rooftop after school? I'd appreciate it.
VRRR
ブブッ



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KER-CHAK

BEFORE, WHEN...
YOU ALL CONFESSED YOUR FEELINGS TO ME...
I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF YOUR KINDNESS AND MADE ALL OF YOU WAIT FOR MY ANSWER...
BUT...
I FINALLY REALIZED WHAT IT IS.
TO THINK IT TOOK ALL OF THIS FOR ME TO GET IT...
I HATE HOW CLUELESS I WAS, BUT...
...I FINALLY KNOW NOW.

I...
...LOVE MUTSUMI-SENPAI.

SO...
IGA-
RASHI-
KUN...
NANA-
SHIMA-
KUN...
SHINO-
MIYA-
KUN...
SHIMA-
CHAN...
I'M SO
SORRY...

MM...
UH-HUH.
YEAH...
OKAY.
THANKS FOR GIVING US YOUR ANSWER.

STEP #11
どんっ
THUMP
FWIP
トン
ぽかっ
WHAP
ぽかっ
WHAP
TIME TO MAN UP!
PAT
HEY!

CLENCH
SLAM
バタン
...
UH...!!
Y...
YES?

I...
...HAVE FEELINGS FOR YOU, MUTSUMI-SENPAI.
I...
I LOVE YOU ...!!
S... SENPAI...
IF IT'S ALL RIGHT ...
...WITH YOU...
WILL YOU...
...BE MY BOY-FRIEND ?

YANK
HUG

GLADLY.
I LOVE YOU, TOO.
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# CHAPTER 47

JUNKO

I NEVER THOUGHT THE DAY WOULD COME THAT I'D BE...
...THE PRINCESS IN THE ARMS OF HER PRINCE.

KISS HIM, NOT ME!
BY JUNKO
#47 CAN WE MAKE OUR RELATIONSHIP WORK?

OPEN WIIIDE! ♡
OKAY, MUTSUMI-SENPAI! ♡

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HUH ?!
WE'RE GETTING IN YOUR WAY...
WE'RE GONNA MOVE TO ANOTHER SEAT...
WHY ?!
トホー
EHH...
UH...
LET'S AT LEAST HAVE LUNCH TOGETH-ER!
YEAH! YOU'RE NOT IN THE WAY AT ALL...
OH!
BUT...
Uh...
SO ANNOYING!!
OH GOSH! HERE! LET ME!
TEE HEE HEE!
OH! THANK YOU!
HUH? REALLY ?
YOU HAVE SOME RICE ON YOUR CHEEK, SENPAI!
HA! HA! HA!

UGH...
THEY'RE SO CLUE-LESS THAT IT CAN'T BE FOR REAL!!
S...SUCH AN AWFUL THING TO DO IN FRONT OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE REJECTED...
Be strong!
AND YOU KNOW WHAT ?!
MU-TSUMI SENPAI COMES TO OUR CLASS...
ARGH!
... EVERY BREAK !!
R...REALLY?!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
AND ON TOP OF THAT ...

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BOOM
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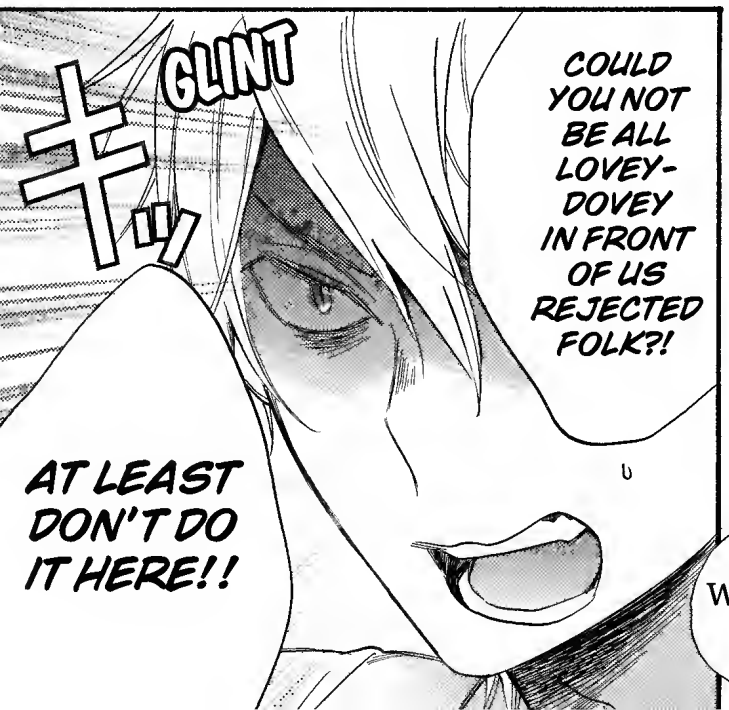

GLINT
キッ!!
COULD YOU NOT BE ALL LOVEY-DOVEY IN FRONT OF US REJECTED FOLK?!
AT LEAST DON'T DO IT HERE!!

CUDDLE
NUZZLE
いちゃ～
UM... UH...
ヒソヒソ
WHISPER WHISPER
WHAT'S UP, IGARASHI-KUN?
ヒソヒソ
WHISPER WHISPER
WELL ...

WELL... OUR BODIES JUST END UP GETTING LIKE THIS.
HUH?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN "LOVEY-DOVEY" ...?
Eek!
HOW MUCH MORE LOVEY-DOVEY CAN YOU GET?!
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY BE SERIOUS!
MURMUR
I DON'T WANT TO BE APART FROM YOU...
...FOR EVEN JUST A LITTLE WHILE.
BADUMP
SH... SHENPAI!
NGH... IT'S JUST TOO MUCH ...
NNGH...
I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN OVER THE HURT, Y'KNOW!
I FEEL YOU, SEN-PAI...
JUST THINK-ING ABOUT IT BRINGS ME TO TEARS !!
TEAR
NOD NOD

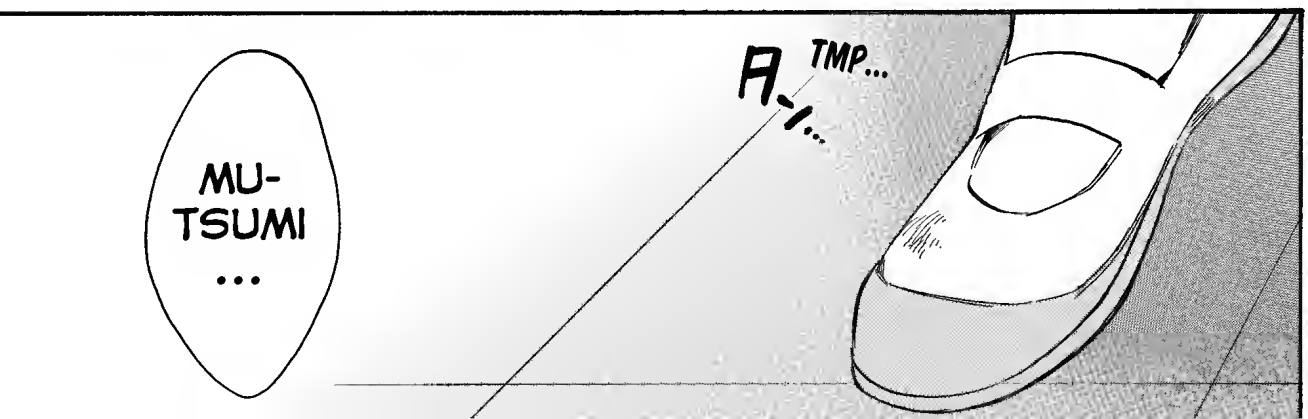
...
GRAB
I DO! I REALLY DO!!
YOU UNDERSTAND ME, DON'T YOU, SHINOMIYAAA?!
NOD
NOD
SNAP SNAP
HUH? NANASHIMAKUN?
WELL, YEAH... IT'S NOT JUST NANA...
MURMUR
MURMUR
TO BE HONEST, IT'S TOUGH FOR ME, TOO... AS PATHETIC AS IT IS...
GASP
O... OH...
I'M SORRY. I HAD NO IDEA!

OKAY, WHAT SHOULD WE DO, SERINUMA-SAN?
HMMM... I DON'T KNOW. WHAT DO YOU THINK, SENPAI?
CUDDLE CUDDLE
ANNOYED
OH!! I KNOW! NEXT TIME, I'LL GO TO YOU, SENPAI!
BRILLIANT IDEA!!
HUH? YOU'D DO THAT?
YEAH!!
I'LL GO SEE YOU... ♡
SERINUMA-SAN...! THAT MAKES ME SO HAPPY! ♡
URK!
SO ANNOY-ING!!
AW! WHAT A SUR-PRISE!
PEEK
Uh... NAKANO-SAN...
TO THINK KAE-CHAN WOULD BE SO BLINDLY IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE!!

選択中の写真
Selected Pictures
FWIP
WELL... IT MIGHT ALSO BE 'CAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO AKANE!
HM? WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KAE-CHAN?
HUH? OH, I'M JUST DELETING PICS THAT I DON'T NEED...
"DON'T NEED" ...?
ISN'T THAT AKANE?
YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT?
AKANE? WHO'S AKANE?
HUH?
I HAVE NO INTEREST IN A GUY WHO BETRAYS MASTER FOR A GIRL AND THEN HAS THE GALL TO MAKE BABIES WITH HER.
ゴゴゴゴ RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
ゴゴゴゴ RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
TRAITOR TRAITOR TRAITOR TRAITOR TRAITOR TRAITOR TRAITOR TRAITOR TRAITOR
WH... WHOA...
TREMBLE

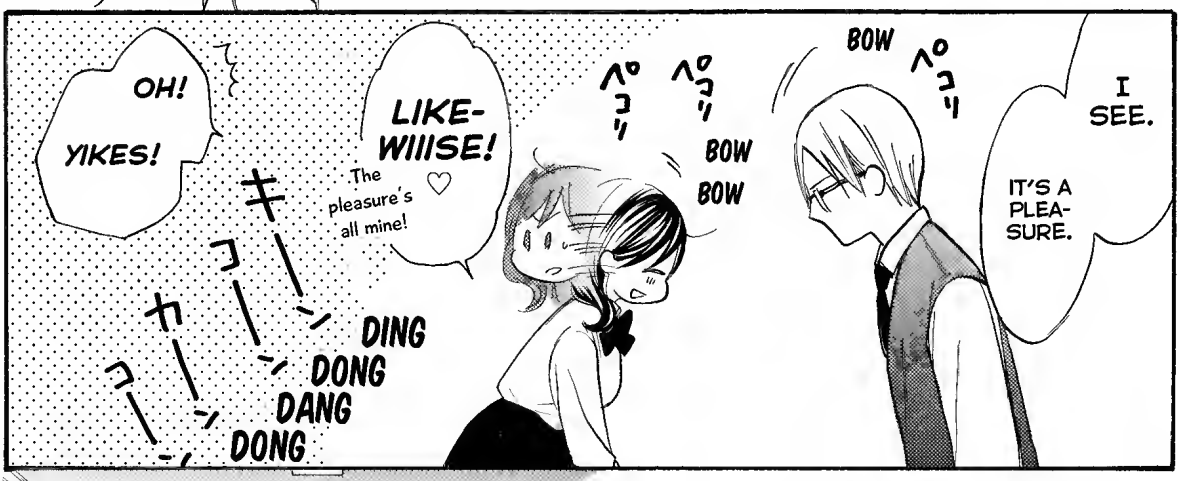
HOW ANNOYING...
LOVESICK
こっそり
STILL ...
I...I SEE...
So it has nothing to do with Mitsuboshi.
ALL HER PASSION FOR AKANE MIGHT'VE TRANSFERRED OVER TO MUTSUMI-SENPAI, HUH...
SO...
The next day...
3-B
ひょいっ
PEEK
SERI-NUMA-SAN!
SEN-PAI! ♡

MURMUR
GOOD MORNING! IT'S BEEN A DAY SINCE WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER...!
I MISSED YOU...
SERI-NUMA-SAN...
HEY... IS SHE...?
HIS GIRL-FRIEND ?
MUTSUMI OF ALL PEOPLE, ACTING LIKE THAT...?
MURMUR
MURMUR
NO WAY...
I MISSED YOU, TOO!
SH...SHENPAI!
BADUMP
BADUMP
UH...
THEY CAN'T KEEP THEIR HANDS OFF EACH OTHER!!
WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE TWO...?!


MU-TSUMI ...
TMP...

IS SHE YOUR GIRL-FRIEND, BY ANY CHANCE?
ADJUST
クイ
YASHIRO-KUN...
NICE SMILE
YEAH !!
SENPAI, WHO IS THIS PER-SON...?

EEK
きゃっ♡
I'M MUTSUMI-SENPAI'S GIRL-FRIEND. ♡
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M SERI-NUMA! I'M A KOHAI FROM THE HIS-TORY CLUB...
ARE YOU A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT?
OH, I SEE! PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
HE'S MY CLASS-MATE, YA-SHIRO-KUN.
HE'S THE CAPTAIN OF THE JAPANESE CHESS CLUB, AND WE OC-CASIONALLY PLAY TOGETHER.


OH!
YIKES!
LIKE-WIIISE!
The pleasure's all mine! ♡
キーン コーン カーン コーン
DING DONG DANG DONG
ペコリ
BOW
ペコリ
BOW
BOW
I SEE.
IT'S A PLEA-SURE.

SHE'S CUTE.
I... I'LL BE BACK!
THE MOR-NING PERIOD IS SO SHORT!
TAKE CARE ON YOUR WAY BACK!
I WILL!

See you tomorrow! Take care! Bye-bye!

CHIME

Whoa!
HE IS!
AH!! EVEN GRANDMA'S DOING IT!!
Ha! Ha! Ha!
HE'S DOING COSPLAY AGAIN!
Gramps
Today
A new one!
OH!
IT'S GRANDPA!
HEH! HEH!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHAT ARE YOUR GRAND-PARENTS LIKE, SENPAI?
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY'RE INTERESTING OR JUST WEIRD, BUT THEY'RE ALWAYS HAVING FUN!
I MET THEM ONCE, RIGHT?
SERINUMA-SAN, YOUR GRAND-PARENTS ARE SUCH FUN PEOPLE!
WOW! SOUNDS NICE.
MY GRAND-PARENTS ON MY DAD'S SIDE LIVE IN THE NORTH, AND THEY'RE DOING WELL.
MY GRANDPA ON MY MOM'S SIDE PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS IN JUNIOR HIGH.
I WAS REALLY CLOSE WITH MY GRANDPA, SO IT CAME AS A SHOCK WHEN HE DIED.
MY GRANDPA WAS THE ONE WHO GOT ME INTO HISTORY AND TAUGHT ME JAPANESE CHESS.

I...I SEE...
I'M SORRY, I...
OH! NOT AT ALL! DON'T BE!
BUT ...
HE WAS A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON TO YOU, RIGHT, SENPAI?
I WISH I COULD'VE MET HIM...
YEAH.
THE 16TH IS THE MONTHIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH... WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT HIS GRAVE WITH ME?
HUH?
I WANT TO INTRO-DUCE YOU TO HIM.

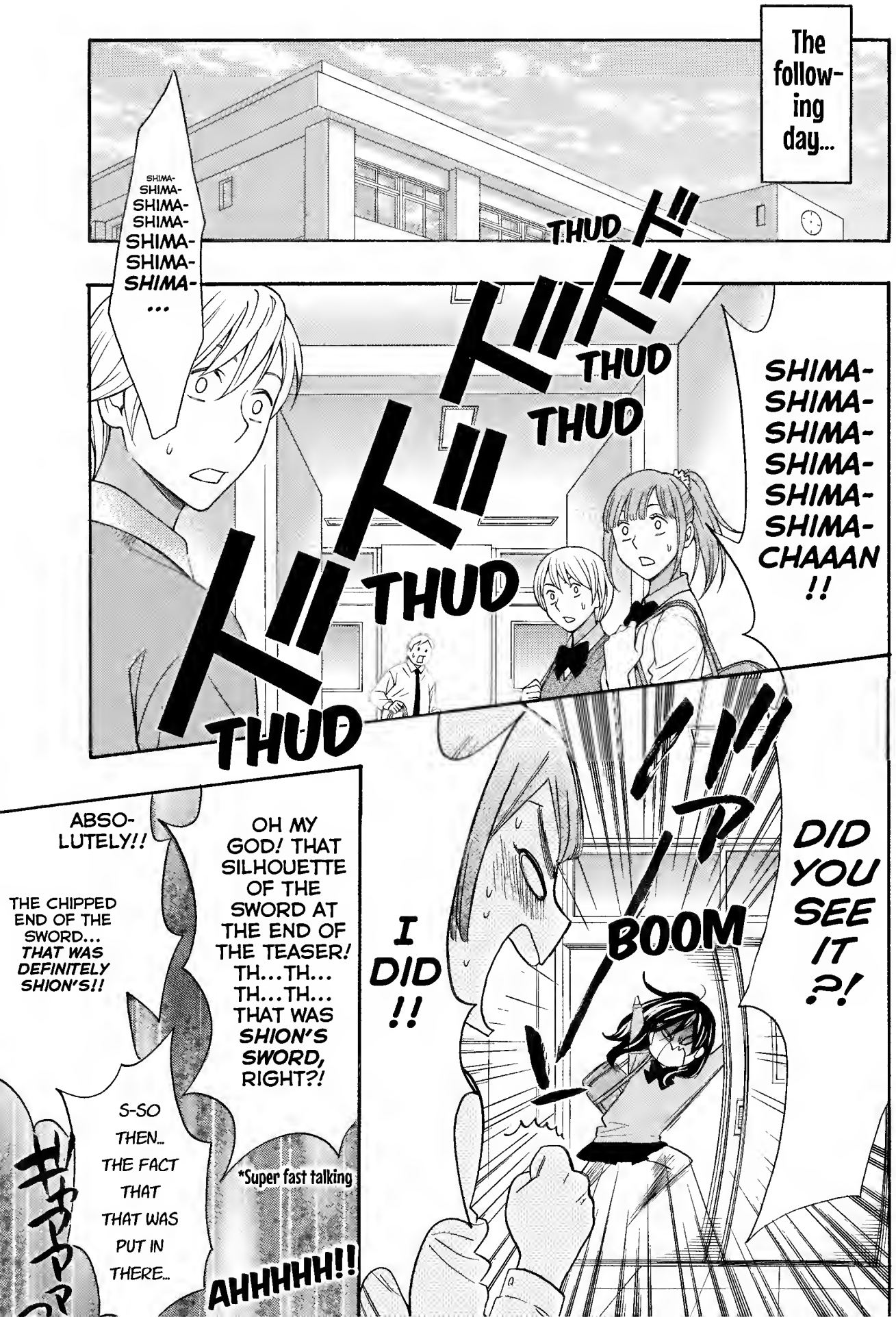
AND TELL HIM HOW PRECIOUS YOU ARE TO ME.
...
O...OF COURSE! I'D BE HAPPY TO!
REALLY? THANK YOU!
FOR SURE!!
SQUEAL
SQUEAL
きゃっ
きゃっ

...
AND SO...
SENPAIII!
INTIMATE AND HAPPY, THE TWO SEEMED ON TRACK TO DEEPEN THEIR RELATION-SHIP...
(WHILE EARNING THE DISAP-PROVAL OF THOSE AROUND THEM...)
D...Dis***?
HOW-EVER!!
GOSH! I TOLD HIM "GOOD NIGHT" ALREADY!
BUT SENPAI WON'T STOP SENDING ME MES-SAGES!
Heh heh heh heh!
OH DEAR!
TA-DAH!

...
HUH ...?
IT WAS THEN...

...THAT SHE WAS REMINDED ...

...OF WHO SHE WAS!!


The following day...
SHIMA-SHIMA-SHIMA-SHIMA-SHIMA-SHIMA-...
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
SHIMA-SHIMA-SHIMA-SHIMA-SHIMA-SHIMA-CHAAAN!!
DID YOU SEE IT?!
BOOM
I DID!!
OH MY GOD! THAT SILHOUETTE OF THE SWORD AT THE END OF THE TEASER! TH...TH... TH...TH... THAT WAS SHION'S SWORD, RIGHT?!
ABSOLUTELY!!
THE CHIPPED END OF THE SWORD... THAT WAS DEFINITELY SHION'S!!
S-SO THEN... THE FACT THAT THAT WAS PUT IN THERE...
*Super fast talking
AHHHHH!!

EEEEEKK!
AHHH!
I HEAR SERINUMA-SENPAI SCREAMING ...
WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!
DASH
IT'S HERE !!!
IT'S HERE !!!
IT'S CRAZY, SHINO-MIYA-KUUUN!
SHAKE
SHION MIGHT COME BACK TO LIFE, SHINO-MIYA-KUUUN !!
HUH?
ACK!
STOP!
SHAKE SHAKE
NOT JUST THAT!! THEY'RE HAVING A FIRST SEASON RETRO-SPECTIVE URGENT MEETING !!
YOU'RE OBVI-OUSLY GOING, RIGHT, SENPAI?!
OF COURSE! I'M GONNA GET A TICKET OR DIE TRYING! UH, SO IT'S NEXT MONTH ON THE...
THE 16TH!!
THE 16TH, HUH ?!
PAUSE
ピッ
...THE 16TH?

STAGGER
STAGGER
SEN... PAI...
OH, HEY, SERI-NUMA-SAN...
WHAT'S UP?
?!
BOOM
I'M SOOO SORRY !!
HUH?! WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!
TH... THE TRUTH IS...
THE "MIRAGE SAGA" SEQUEL HAS BEEN ANNOUN-CED, AND... AND...
SHION... SHION MIGHT COME BACK TO LIFE!!
HUH? SHION-SAN? REALLY?
THAT'S GREAT!!
UH...
Angel

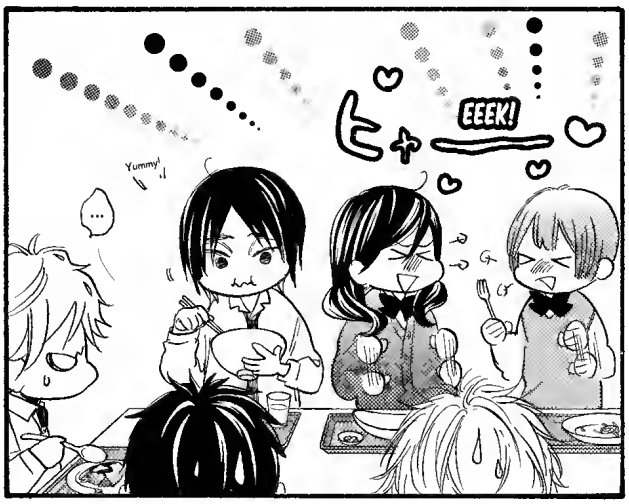
PRICKLE PRICKLE
UGH... THE GUILT I'M FEELING ...
S...
SO...
THERE'S AN EVENT... AND...
IT'S ON THE 16TH OF NEXT MONTH ...!
THE 16TH...
OH!
B-B-B-B-BUT IT'S IN TWO PARTS, AND THE FIRST PART STARTS IN THE EARLY AFTER-NOON!
FWIP
S...SO WOULD IT BE OKAY WITH YOU...IF WE MET AFTER THAT'S DONE?!
UH... WELL, DO YOU WANT TO MEET IN THE MORNING, THEN?
I HAVE TO LINE UP FOR MER-CHAN-DISE IN THE MOR-NING!!
I'm soooo sorryyyy!
WAHH! I'M SO SORRY, SENPAI!
B-B-BUT I CAN'T GIVE THIS UP!
I-I JUST CAN'T!
I'M SORRY FOR BEING SELFISH!!

PAT
なでなで
WHEN DOES THE EVENT END?
HUH?
UH, THE EVENT'S UNTIL THREE.
IT'S OKAY, THEN.
GO HAVE FUN.
BESIDES, IT'S SOMETHING YOU LOVE, SERINUMA-SAN.
BADUMP
きゅうん♡
SH...
SHENPAIII! THANK YOU SOOO MUCH! I WUV YOUUUU!! ♡♡♡
Whoa!
There it is...
She "wuvs" him.

MUTSUMI-SENPAI IS SO KIND...
HE ACCEPTS EVERY-THING I DO...
HE REALLY UNDER-STANDS ME... ♡
...
Heh heh...
I'M GLAD YOU'RE GONNA HAVE FUN.

HOW-EVER ...
BLAH

On another day
The "Mirage Saga" book is coming out, so I wanna help her so badly!
I HAVE TO HELP SHIMA-CHAN WITH HER DEADLINE! I'M SOOO SORRY!!
OKAY.


EEEK!
Yummy!
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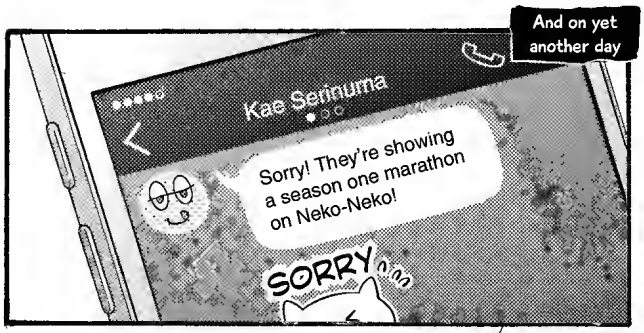

And on yet another day
Kae Serinuma
Sorry! They're showing a season one marathon on Neko-Neko!
SORRY

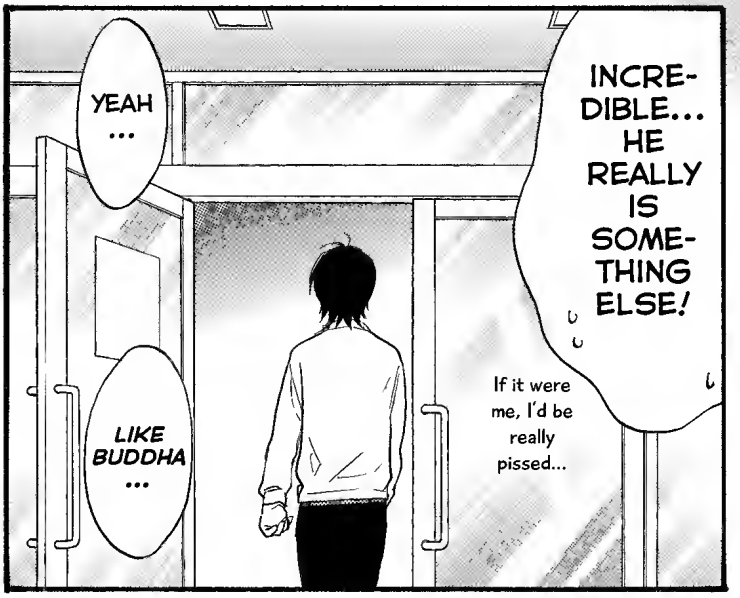
And on another day
OH!
IS THAT SO?
AND SO...
Checking her Twitter
UH-HUH?

SHE'S APPAR-ENTLY BUSY.
TAK
YOUR GIRL-FRIEND HASN'T BEEN AROUND THESE DAYS.

SERI-NUMA'S COM-PLETELY RETURNED TO THE WAY SHE WAS...
WELL... THAT'S HOW SHE WAS ORI-GINALLY.
Fresh Orange
I'd forgotten about that these days...
YEAH... BUT STILL...

SMILE
にこっ
SERINUMA-SAN SEEMS TO BE HAVING FUN, SO I'M HAPPY FOR HER!

ARE YOU OKAY, MUTSUMI-SENPAI...?
UH...
I mean, y'know...
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHA?


INCRE-DIBLE... HE REALLY IS SOME-THING ELSE!
If it were me, I'd be really pissed...
YEAH...
LIKE BUDDHA...

WHAAAA?! HE'S SO BIG-HEARTED ...!!

MU-
TSUMI
?
IS
SOME-
THING
THE
MATTER
?
HUH?
WHAT?
YOU
SEEM
DOWN
...
HUH
...?

HUH? ME...?
NO-THING'S THE MATTER ...
REALLY?
?
On the day of the event...
サイコホール
Saiko Hall
TAKE CARE, SENPAI!
I'LL BE STICK-ING AROUND FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE EVENT!
緊急ミーティ
Urgent Meeting
ザワ
CHATTER
ザワ
CHATTER
関係者以外
入室禁止
Staff Only

OKAY, SEE YA!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT WENT TWENTY MINUTES OVER...
CHATTER
Gasp!
TMP TMP TMP
CHATTER
CHATTER
AND THERE WAS A SUPER LONG LINE TO THE RESTROOMS...
AHH! THIS IS BAD!!
OHH, BUT IT WAS SOOO FUN!!
PANT
THE SELECTED SCREENINGS FOR THE FIRST SEASON RETRO-SPECTIVE, AND THE INSIDER COMMEN-TARY!!
THEY TALKED ABOUT ALL SORTS OF JUICY STUFF!
I BET THE SECOND PART IS GOING TO BE EVEN MORE AWESOME !!
AHHH! I WISH I COULD BE THERE!!
UHH...
GASP
ACK! NO, I CAN'T !!
THAT'S RIGHT! I HAVE TO CONTACT SENPAI FIRST!!
YOU THERE.
HUH?

IT'S YASHI-RO.
YOU CAME TO THE EVENT, TOO, HUH?
HUH?!
Y... YOU'RE MU-TSUMI-SENPAI'S ...?! UHH...
HI.
Y-YES!!
HUH?
UM...
YA-SHIRO-SENPAI, ARE YOU ALSO ...?!
ME?
FWIP
OF COURSE.
"MIRAGE SAGA" IS THE BEST ANIME EVER...!!
ドゴ
BOOM
WOW!! IN-CRED-IBLE!!

HUH?
YOU AREN'T GOING TO THE SECOND PART?
SO YOU'RE A FELLOW FAN!!
YES, IT SEEMS SO.
AND WASN'T THAT EVENT JUST THE BEST?
YES! IT WAS SO MUCH FUN!!
キャー!!
キャー!!
SQUEAL
SQUEAL
HEH HEH HEH
I, uh...
I HAVE SOME-THING I NEED TO DO, SO...
Heh heh heh.
THE TRUTH IS...
THE FRIEND I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO WITH SUDDENLY COULDN'T MAKE IT, SO...
...I HAVE A SPARE TICKET...
HUH?!
AGH!
A SPARE TIC-KET ...?!
GASP!
NO, I CAN'T!!
UH, UM!
TH-THAT'S REALLY TOO BAD!!
IT'S SUCH A SHAME FOR THE SEAT TO BE EMPTY...
OH, WELL.
FWIP...
ミラージュ・サーガ
Mirage Saga
緊急ミーティング!!
Urgent Meeting!!
Row A Seat 12
A列12番

Row A Seat 12
A列12番
THE SEAT'S AT THE VERY FRONT...
...AND RIGHT AT THE CENTER!!
CRACK
"I HAVE NO MEMORY OF WHAT HAPPENED AFTER..."
LATER ON...
KAE SERI-NUMA SAID...
TO BE CONTINUED IN the JULY ISSUE